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- Summary Up Until Now -

- Yuri is a very normal junior high student. In the middle of a date, she was suddenly pulled into a puddle of water.
- When she woke up, she was in an ancient Hittite empire. By the evil Queen Nakia's magic, she crossed over time and was brought as a sacrifice.
- Yuri, who's life Nakia was after, was saved from danger by Prince Kail and given shelter in the palace as a concubine.
- Nakia, who wanted her own son Juda to be Emperor, was going after Yuri and Kail's lives.
- Yuri and Kail fell in love for real and Kail was crowned as Emperor. Yuri, who demonstrated unimaginable strength in the battlefield, was appointed Gal Meshedi - commander of the army.

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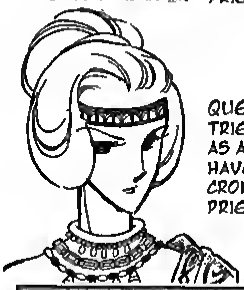
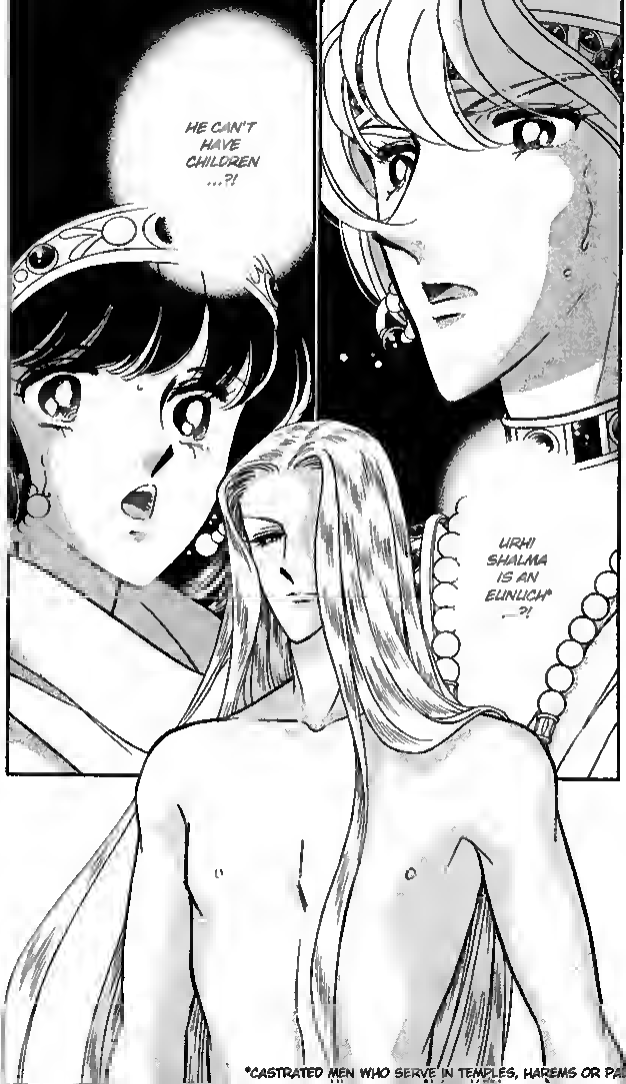
KAIL
EMPEROR OF THE HITTITE EMPIRE
ALSO HOLDS THE POSITION OF PRIEST

YURI
A NORMAL 3RD YEAR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT WHO WAS BROUGHT TO ANCIENT TURKEY (HITTITE)



QUEEN NAKIA
TRIED TO USE YURI AS A SACRIFICE TO HAVE HER SON CROWNED PRIESTESS

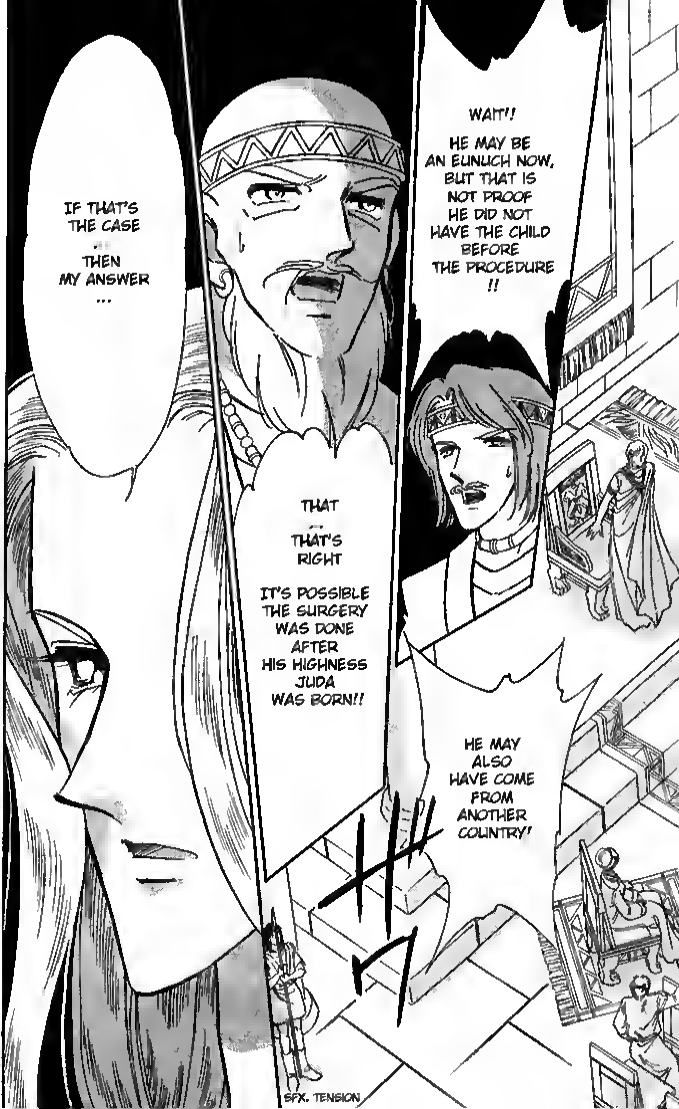
- Yuri, who was pregnant Kail's child, had a miscarriage while departing to the front in Egypt because of Nakia's plot Protected by General Ramses (who was in love with her), Yuri obtained evidence of Nakia's betrayal
- Hittite was victorious in their final battle against Egypt because of Yuri's actions and now the Congress of Elder Statesmen decided to met to decide Nakia's punishment.
- There's a rumour spreading around that Juda is not the real son of the deceased emperor but the child of Urhi, Nakia's right hand.
- But Urhi denies this because he is... an eunuch?



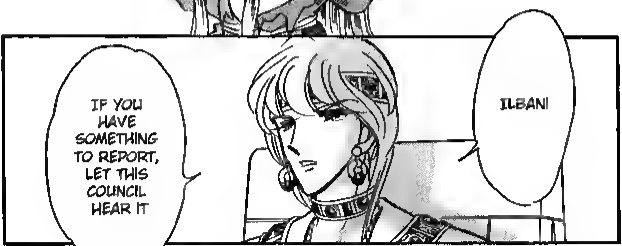
*CASTRATED MEN WHO SERVE IN TEMPLES, HAREMS OR PALACES

DON'T BE STUPID!!
THIS COUNTRY DOES NOT HAVE AN EUNUCH SYSTEM!!
THEN HIS HIGHNESS JUDA IS KING SUPPILI-LIUMA'S CHILD AFTER ALL?!
IF SO, HIS HIGHNESS JUDA IS THE RIGHTFUL SUCCESSOR...!!
NO...BUT THERE ARE CASTRATED MEN WHO DID BECOME PRIESTS!!*

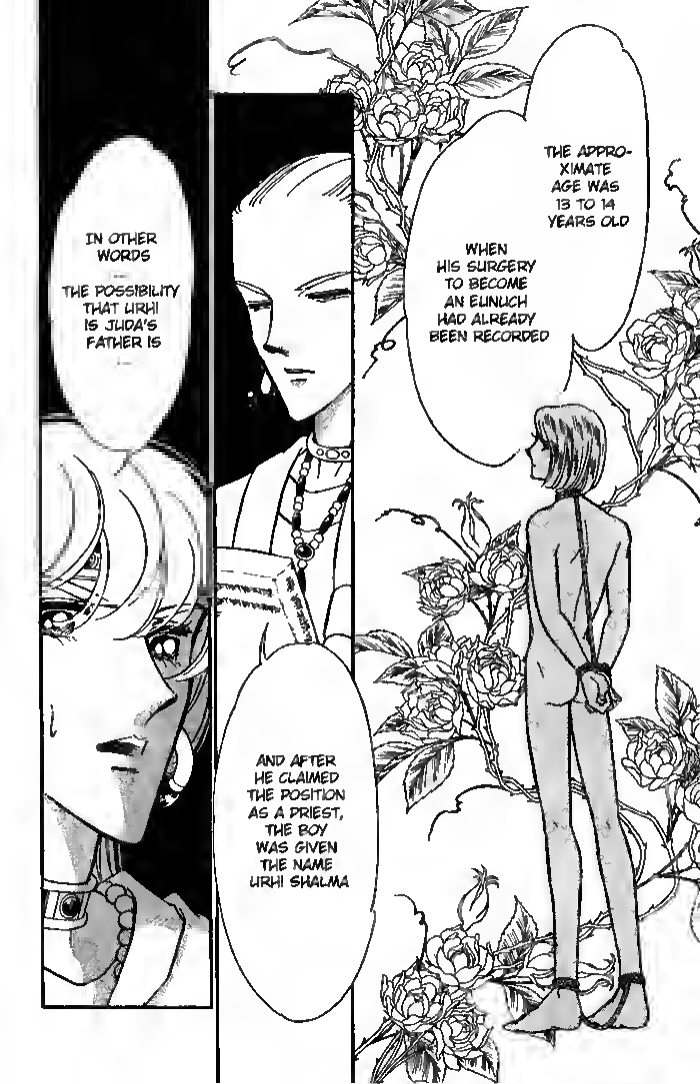
*THOSE WHO WERE CASTRATED AS PUNISHMENT


WAIT!!
HE MAY BE AN EUNUCH NOW, BUT THAT IS NOT PROOF HE DID NOT HAVE THE CHILD BEFORE THE PROCEDURE !!
IF THAT'S THE CASE ... THEN MY ANSWER ...
THAT ... THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S POSSIBLE THE SURGERY WAS DONE AFTER HIS HIGHNESS JUDA WAS BORN!!
HE MAY ALSO HAVE COME FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY!
SFX. TENSION

SECRETARY ILBANI WHO IS PRESENT HERE ALREADY KNOWS ABOUT THE MATTER WHICH WE ARE DISCUSSING
THAT'S RIGHT
ILBANI KNOWS ...?
HE'S PROBABLY KNOWN ABOUT IT SINCE URHI WAS CAPTURED IN UGARIT

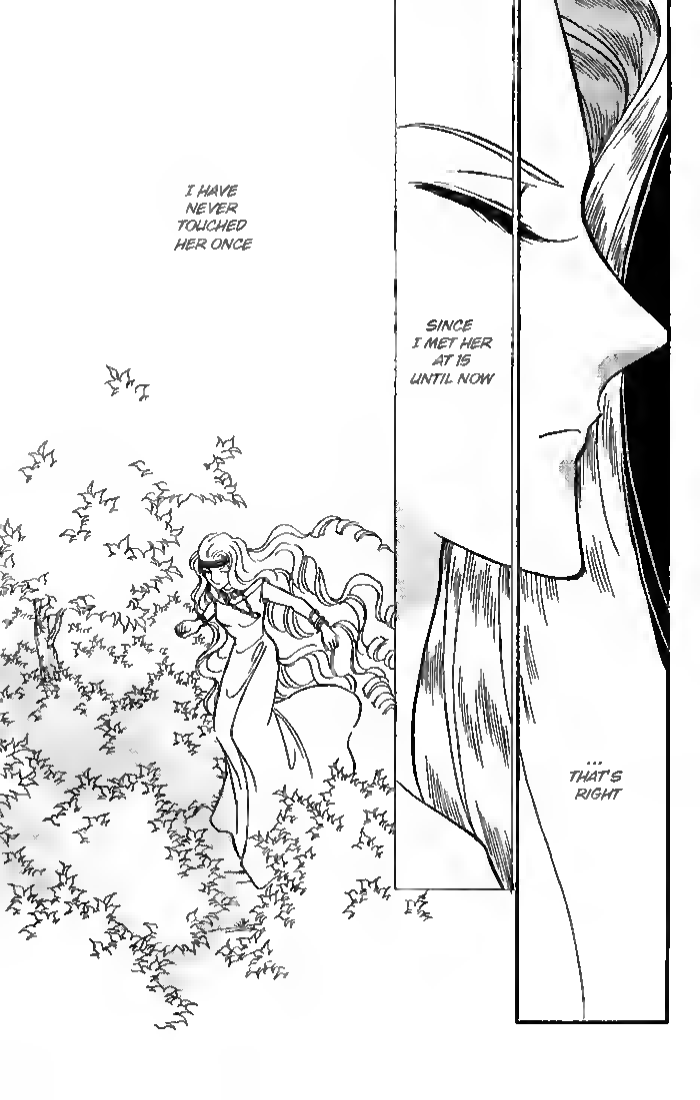

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT, LET THIS COUNCIL HEAR IT
ILBANI

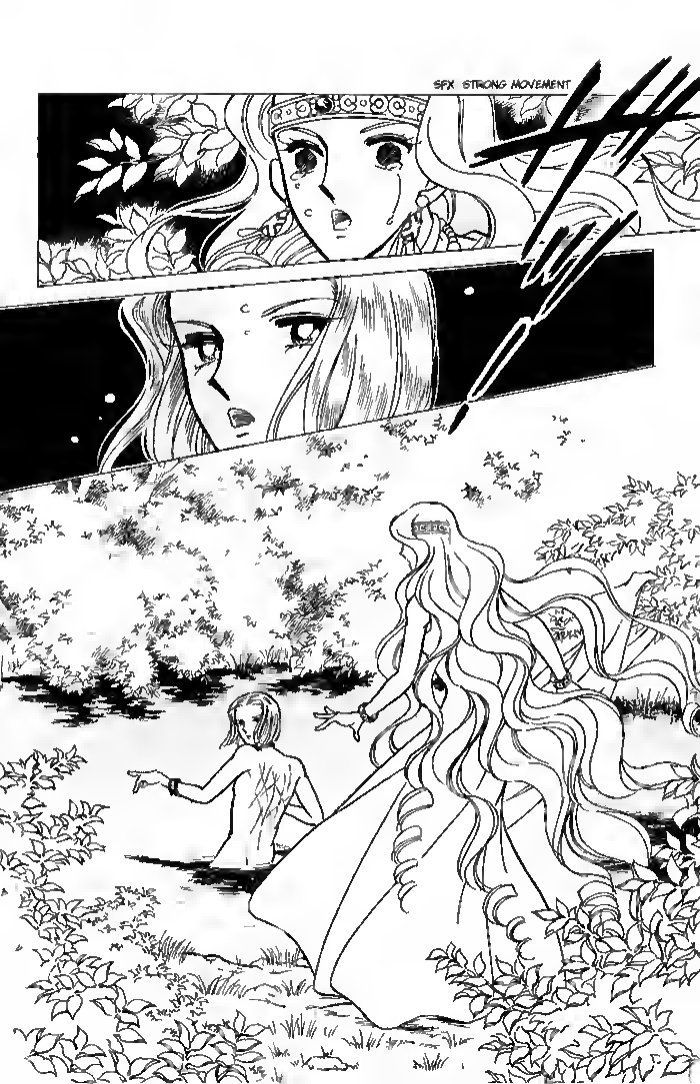
THEN I SHALL MAKE MY REPORT TO YOUR HIGHNESS AND THE COUNCIL
...
bow
I FOUND OLD DOCUMENTS THAT CERTAINLY CORRESPOND TO THIS MATTER
UPON EXAMINING THE RECORDS OF THE TEMPLE
A SINGLE BOY WITH BLOND HAIR AND BLUE EYES WAS BOUGHT FOR A SMALL TEMPLE IN ARINNA
IF YOU READ THEM, YOU'LL DISCOVER THAT IN THE 19TH YEAR OF SUPPILILIUMA'S REIGN
BOUGHT FOR . ?!


THE APPROXIMATE AGE WAS 13 TO 14 YEARS OLD
WHEN HIS SURGERY TO BECOME AN EUNUCH HAD ALREADY BEEN RECORDED
AND AFTER HE CLAIMED THE POSITION AS A PRIEST, THE BOY WAS GIVEN THE NAME URHI SHALMA
IN OTHER WORDS
THE POSSIBILITY THAT URHI IS JUDA'S FATHER IS

COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA MARRIED INTO THIS COUNTRY IN THE 21ST YEAR OF SUPPILI-LIUMA'S REIGN
HIS HIGHNESS JUDA WAS BORN TWO YEARS AFTER THAT
THEN HIS HIGHNESS JUDA IS A DESCENDANT OF THE ROYAL BLOODLINE AFTER ALL!!

....
I ...
SINCE THE FIRST DAY I MET HER UNTIL NOW
HAVE NEVER LAID A FINGER UPON THE EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA


I HAVE NEVER TOUCHED HER ONCE
SINCE I MET HER AT 15 UNTIL NOW
... THAT'S RIGHT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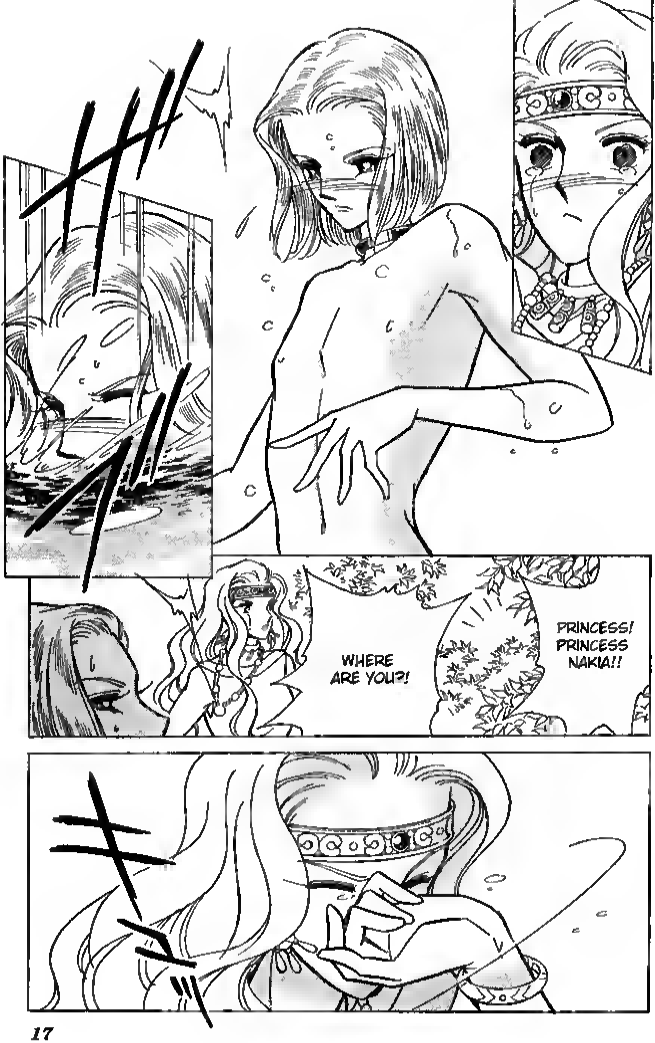
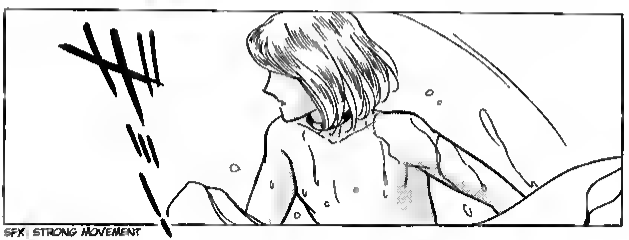

WHERE ARE YOU?!
PRINCESS! PRINCESS NAKIA!!

PRINCESS NAKIA, SO HERE YOU ARE
AS A PRINCESS YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE OFFICIAL BANQUET WITHOUT NOTICE
THOUGH YOU MAY BE HIS CONCUBINE,
WHY IS MY SEAT LOWER THAN THAT PRINCESS OF ARISTOCRATIC ORIGIN'S?!
PRINCESS, DISCUSSING THAT HERE
ANYWAY, LET US RETURN TO THE PALACE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HEY!
I'M PURIFYING ...
YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF PRINCESS NAKIA!! BOW!!



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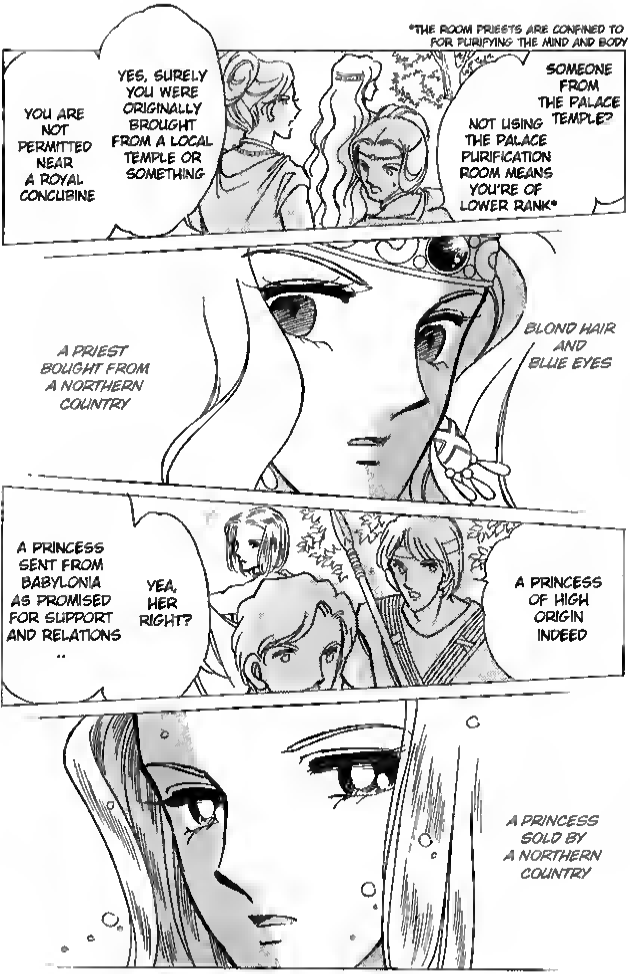
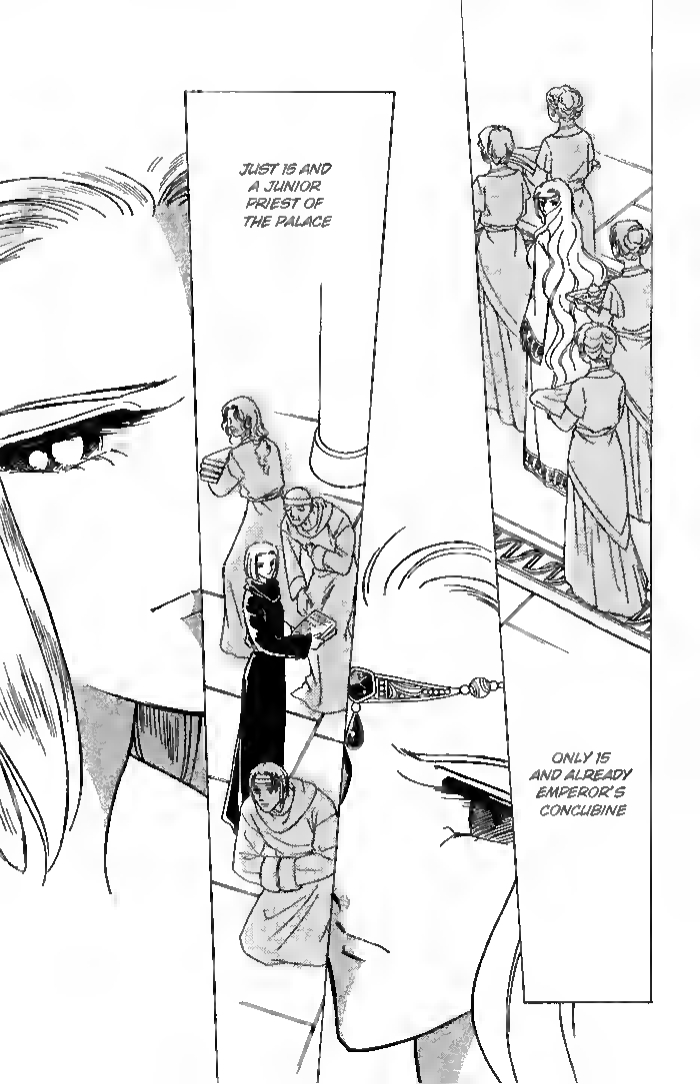
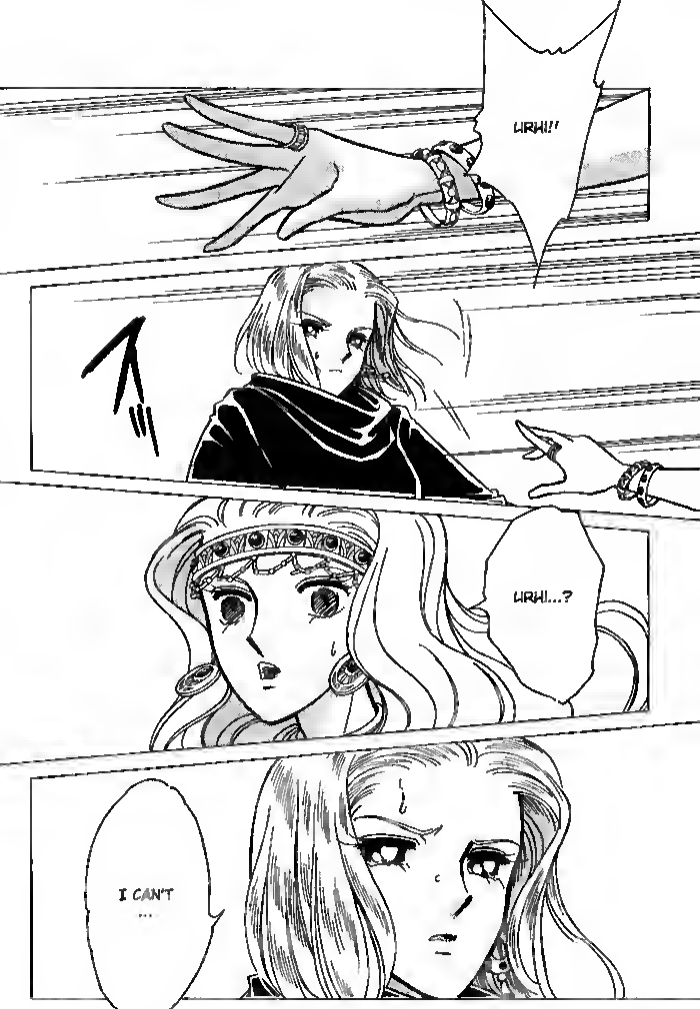

*THE ROOM PRIESTS ARE CONFINED TO FOR PURIFYING THE MIND AND BODY
YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED NEAR A ROYAL CONCUBINE
YES, SURELY YOU WERE ORIGINALLY BROUGHT FROM A LOCAL TEMPLE OR SOMETHING
SOMEONE FROM THE PALACE TEMPLE?
NOT USING THE PALACE PURIFICATION ROOM MEANS YOU'RE OF LOWER RANK*
A PRIEST BOUGHT FROM A NORTHERN COUNTRY
BLOND HAIR AND BLUE EYES
A PRINCESS SENT FROM BABYLONIA AS PROMISED FOR SUPPORT AND RELATIONS ..
YEA, HER RIGHT?
A PRINCESS OF HIGH ORIGIN INDEED
A PRINCESS SOLD BY A NORTHERN COUNTRY


JUST 15 AND A JUNIOR PRIEST OF THE PALACE
ONLY 15 AND ALREADY EMPEROR'S CONCUBINE

I ONLY EVER SAW HER WHEN SHE WAS MAKING HER WAY TO THE EMPEROR'S CHAMBERS
FOR A LONG TIME, NOT EVEN WORDS WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN US

NAKIA-SAMA? THIS ..?!
WITH THIS, TAKE ME AND LEAVE THIS COUNTRY! URHI!!
THIS IS ALL THAT WILL FREE ME
!!

I
I WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD
I WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU
NAKIA-SAMA!! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ..?!
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE THE EMPEROR'S CHILD
I WAS SACRIFICED FOR BABYLONIA!!
I DON'T WANT ANY ROYAL STATUS I DON'T WANT TO BE A CONCUBINE!!


URH!!
URH!...?
I CAN'T
...

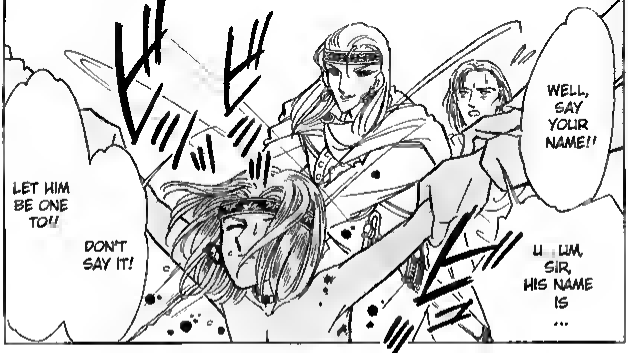
I CAN'T GIVE YOU A CHILD
OR MAKE YOU HAPPY AS A WOMAN
URH!!
I ...
I'M AN EUNUCH

I WAS BORN IN THE NORTH
..
IN A COUNTRY THAT NO LONGER EXISTS
MY COUNTRY WAS ATTACKED AND DESTROYED
WHY_ ?
I THOUGHT THE EMPEROR ABOLISHED THE EUNUCH SYSTEM

EXTERMINATE THE ROYAL FAMILY!!
SET THE PALACE ON FIRE!!
THOSE WITH ROYAL BLOOD HAVE BLOND HAIR
FIND THEM AND KILL THEM!! KILL THEM ALL!!
THAT'S THE LAST ONE!!
THERE'S ONE!!

grab
SIR!
WAIT!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
OH, YOU'RE PRETTY
spit

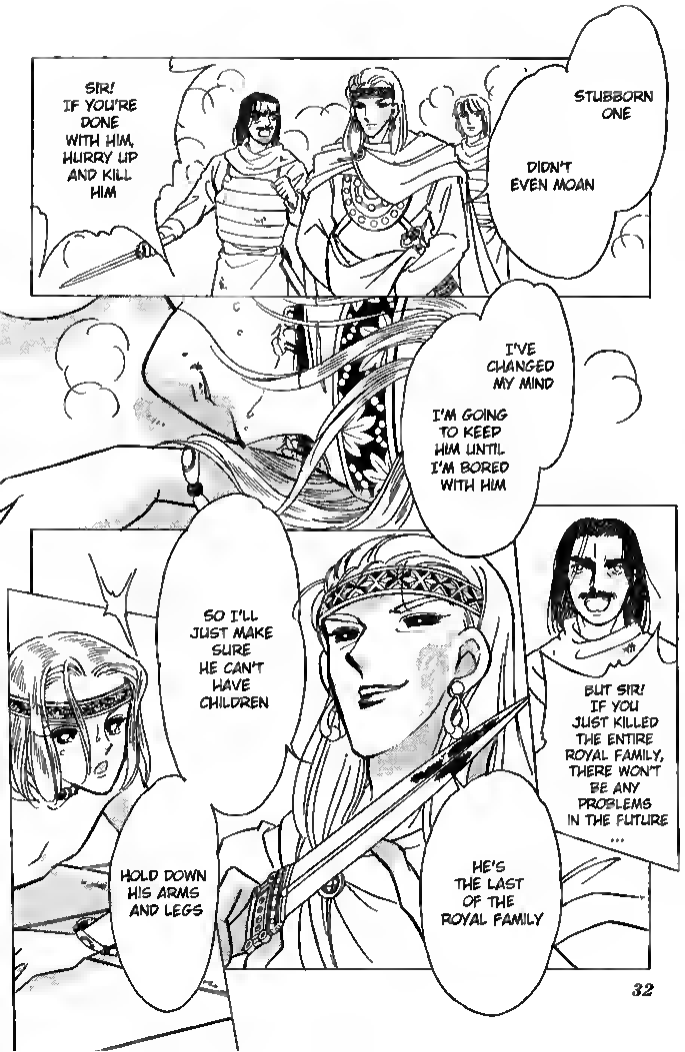
FROM THIS DAY ON, THIS COUNTRY IS MINE
THE LAND, THE PEOPLE, EVERYTHING IS NOW MINE
SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
!!
IF YOU ARE ASKED YOUR NAME, YOU WILL BOW AND ANSWER!!
!?


WELL, SAY YOUR NAME!!
U...UM, SIR, HIS NAME IS ...
DON'T SAY IT!
LET HIM BE ONE TO!!

UGH
SO YOU WON'T SUBMIT TO ME, HUH?

WELL THEN
WE'LL SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN REMAIN SILENT
!!

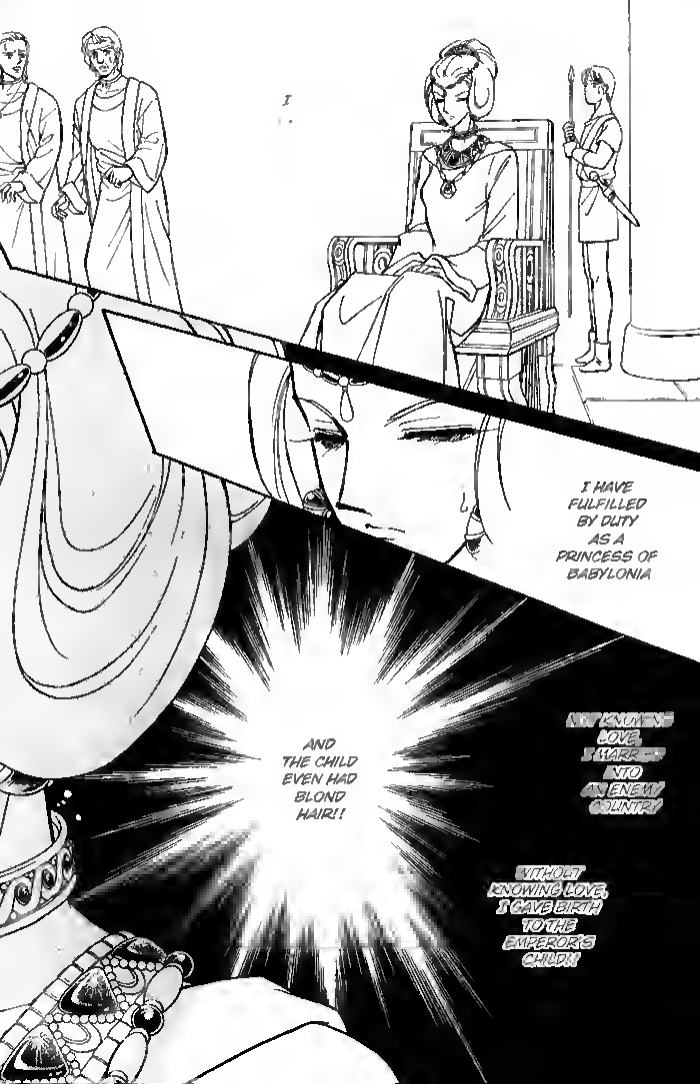
!!
WE'LL SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN KEEP FROM SCREAMING

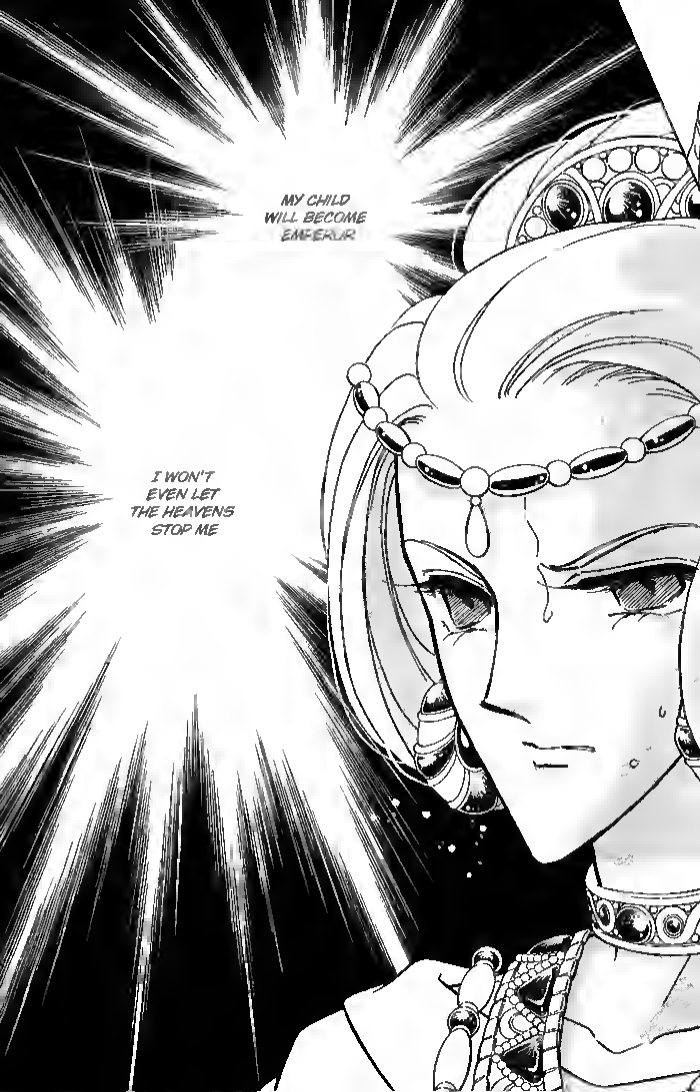

SIR! IF YOU'RE DONE WITH HIM, HURRY UP AND KILL HIM
STUBBORN ONE
DIDN'T EVEN MOAN
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND
I'M GOING TO KEEP HIM UNTIL I'M BORED WITH HIM
BUT SIR! IF YOU JUST KILLED THE ENTIRE ROYAL FAMILY, THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE ...
SO I'LL JUST MAKE SURE HE CAN'T HAVE CHILDREN
HOLD DOWN HIS ARMS AND LEGS
HE'S THE LAST OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

N...NO
...
STOP
...
I'D RATHER DIE...!!
JUST KILL ME !!

Aaaaaah!

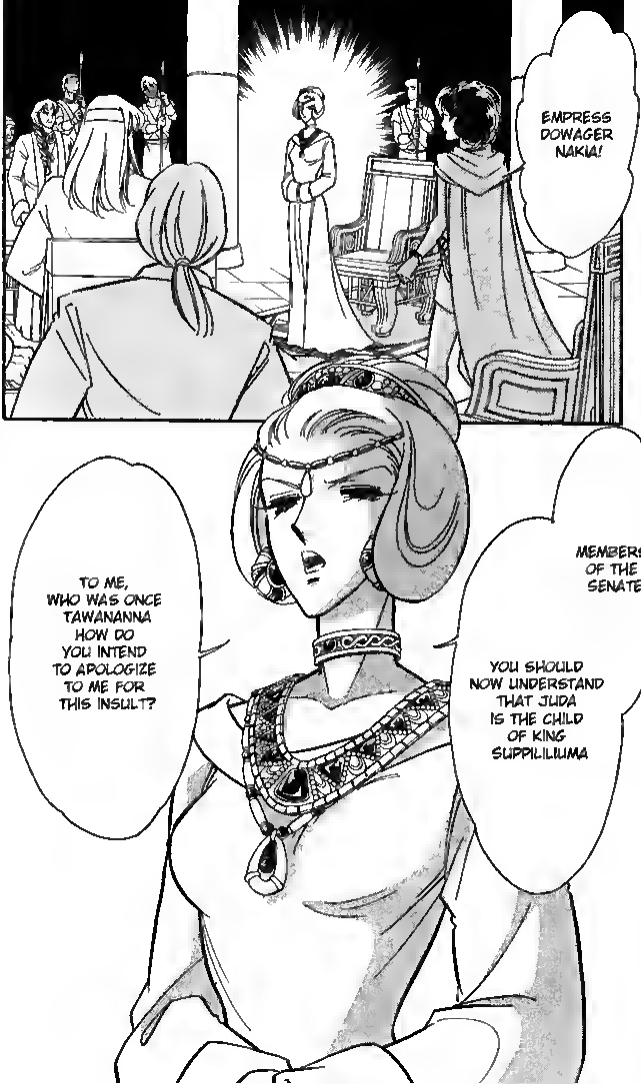
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN
I'VE NEVER LAID A FINGER ON THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

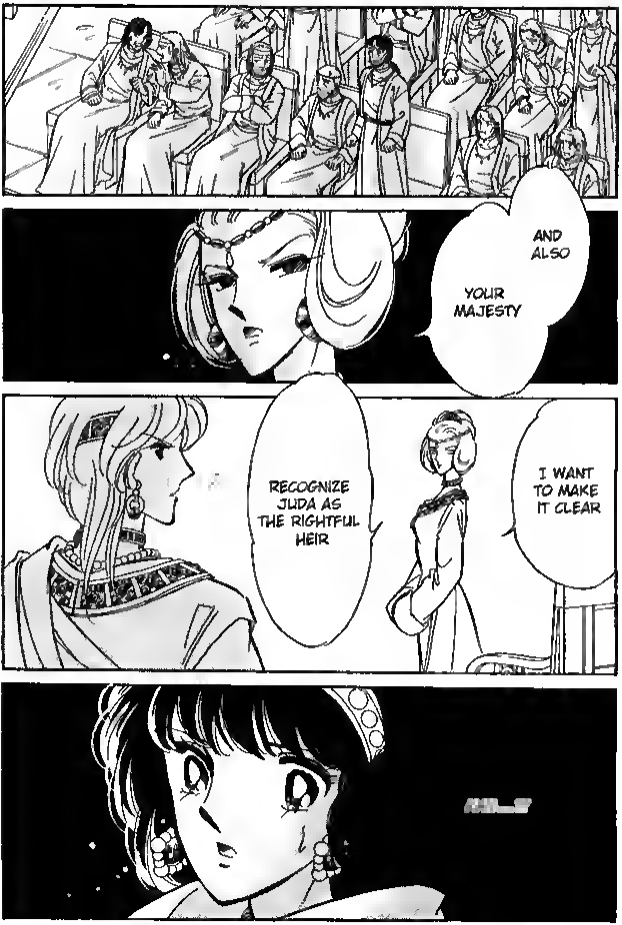

I HAVE FULFILLED BY DUTY AS A PRINCESS OF BABYLONIA
WITHOUT KNOWING LOVE, I WAS GIVEN TO AN ENEMY COUNTRY
WITHOUT KNOWING LOVE, I GAVE BIRTH TO THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN
AND THE CHILD EVEN HAD BLOND HAIR!!


MY CHILD WILL BECOME EMPEROR
I WON'T EVEN LET THE HEAVENS STOP ME

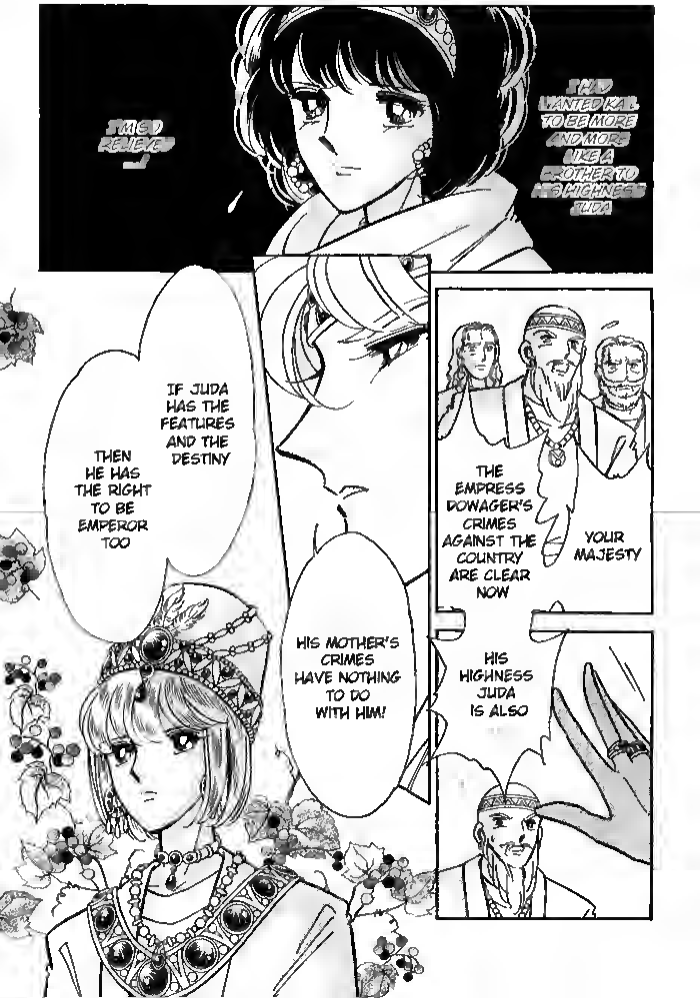
HE DIDN'T EVEN LAY A FINGER ON THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
THEN ...
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER AND UPH! ONLY LOOKED AFTER EACH OTHER! FOR A LONG TIME, THEY WERE THE ONLY FRIEND THE OTHER HAD THEY PROBABLY FELL IN LOVE

SFX: SHOCK FROM REVELATION

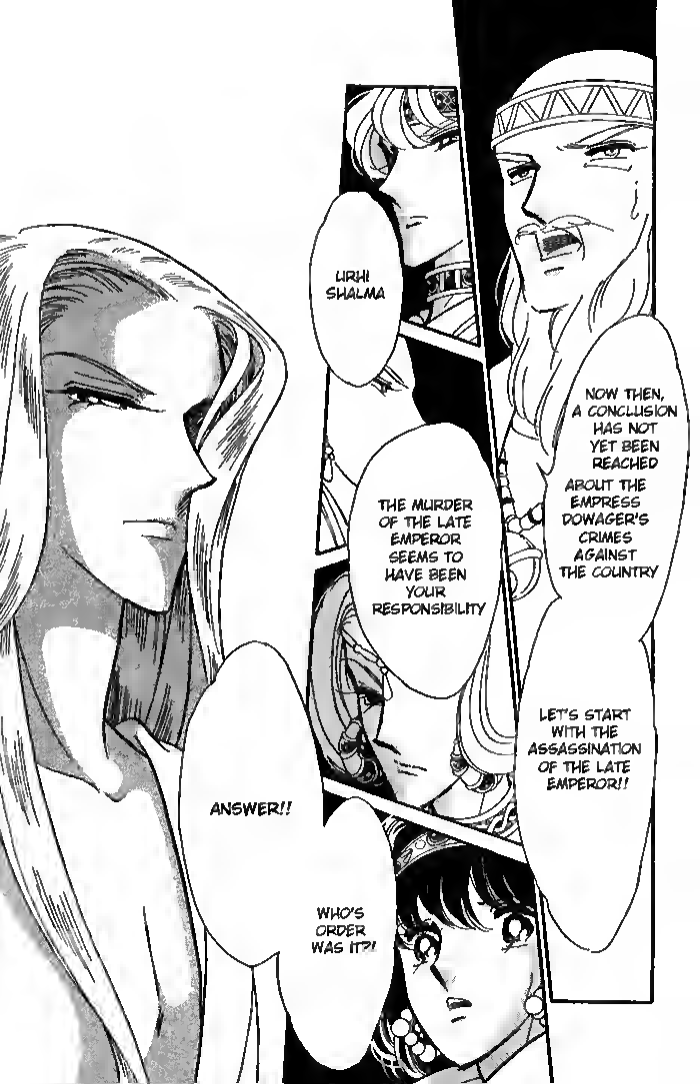

EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA!
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE
YOU SHOULD NOW UNDERSTAND THAT JUDA IS THE CHILD OF KING SUPPILILIUMA
TO ME, WHO WAS ONCE TAWANANNA HOW DO YOU INTEND TO APOLOGIZE TO ME FOR THIS INSULT?


AND ALSO YOUR MAJESTY
I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR
RECOGNIZE JUDA AS THE RIGHTFUL HEIR

I DO
AS CROWN PRINCE, JUDA HASPASRUPI IS FIRST IN LINE FOR THE THRONE
YOUR MAJESTY!!
SFX: TENSION


I TRIED TO BELIEVE...
I HAD WANTED KAIL TO BE MORE AND MORE LIKE A BROTHER TO HIS HIGHNESS JUDA
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S CRIMES AGAINST THE COUNTRY ARE CLEAR NOW
YOUR MAJESTY
HIS HIGHNESS JUDA IS ALSO
HIS MOTHER'S CRIMES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM!
IF JUDA HAS THE FEATURES AND THE DESTINY
THEN HE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE EMPEROR TOO

BUT
PLEASE DO ANYTHING TO SAVE HIM
I WISH JUDA COULD HEAR KAIL'S WORDS
LET US DISCUSS THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE EMPEROR ARNUWANDA AND THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST YURI ISHTAR
URH! SHALMA HAS MADE A TIMELY APPEARANCE
RECOGNIZING JUDA AS THE RIGHTFUL HEIR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CRIMES OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
YES, SIR!
AIGIL
CONTINUE THE INQUIRY


NOW THEN, A CONCLUSION HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED ABOUT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S CRIMES AGAINST THE COUNTRY
LET'S START WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE EMPEROR!!
URH! SHALMA
THE MURDER OF THE LATE EMPEROR SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
ANSWER!!
WHO'S ORDER WAS IT?!

NO MATTER HOW URHI ANSWERS OR WHAT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER DENIES, THE OVERTHROW OF THE TWO HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED
SINCE IT IS NOW OFFICIAL, THEY PROBABLY DON'T HAVE A SINGLE ALLY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

PLEASE DON'T LET THIS UNNECESSARY CONFLICT CONTINUE!!
URH!
JUST AS YOU ALSO KNOW, THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSASSINATING THE EMPEROR IS DEATH
IN YOUR CASE, THERE HAVE BEEN OPINIONS CALLING FOR THE MOST CRUEL OF PUNISHMENTS

BUT IF YOU WERE TO REVEAL THE PERSON WHO ORDERED THE ASSAS-SINATION
WE'LL CHANGE THE PUNISHMENT TO EXILE
HOW'S THAT? YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BEAR THE BURDEN ALONE
URHI ..?!

キラ!!
glance!
!?
はっ!
THE SWORD.
GUARD!! PICK UP THE SWORD
URH! I THREW AWAY EARLIER!!

DON'T LET LIRHI ESCAPE!!
I WAS SURPRISED BY THE COURSE OF THE EVENTS AND LET THE SWORD
MY APOLOGIES

URHP!
!?

URHI!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

HE'S TAKEN NAKA AS HOSTAGE...!!
NOBODY
MOVE OR ELSE

DOCTOR
HOW IS HIS HIGHNESS JUDA'S CONDITION?
I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN
THE REST DEPENDS ON HIS OWN STRENGTH AND FATE

squeeze
ポタ
drip
OH! SORRY
BE MORE CAREFUL, RUI!!
SI... SISTER, LOOK!
U
GH
...

blink
NN
...
YOUR HIGHNESS!!
JUDA YOUR HIGHNESS!!

URH!!
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID!!
LET GO OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!
IS HE GOING TO USE THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO GET HIS WAY?!

URHI
WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHY DID YOU KEEP TYRING TO SAVE ME?
YURI-SAMA
HADI?
HIS HIGHNESS JUDA HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS
YOUR MAJESTY
OH, THAT'S GREAT!!

URH! DID YOU HEAR THAT? HIS HIGHNESS JUDA IS ALRIGHT!
THE SENATE SAID THEY COULD RECONSIDER YOUR PUNISHMENT!
SO DON'T DO ANYTHING RASH!!
IT'D BE GOOD IF YOU AND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER BOTH LIVED TO WATCH OVER PRINCE JUDA
IT'S ENOUGH THAT HIS HIGHNESS IS SAFE!!

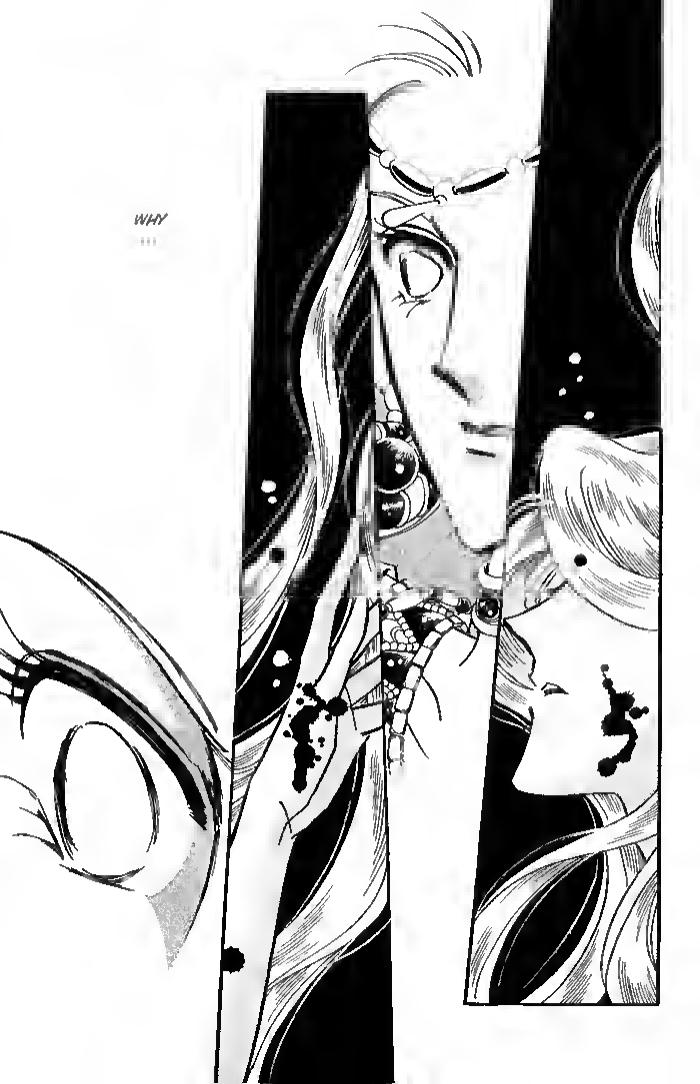
I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN
I HAVE NO NEED TO LIVE ANYMORE
NAKIA-SAMA
IF IT WAS POSSIBLE
I WISH WE COULD START OVER FROM THE PLACE WE FIRST MET

grab

LIRHI! DON'T KILL THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!
STOP, LIRHI!!

I'M TELLING YOU!!
THE ONE WHO ASSASSINATED EMPEROR ARNAWANDA AND TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ISHTAR-SAMA WAS ME!!
STOP!!
NO ONE ELSE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT!!

URHI?!


WHY
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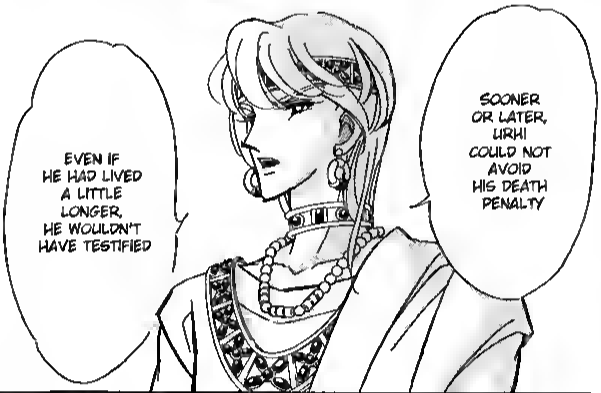
WHY WAS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU TOUCHED ME ...?

URHI...!!

RUSAFA! HOW IS HE —?!
NO GOOD ...
HE'S DEAD
URHI, WHO KILLED SO MANY PEOPLE SECRETLY AT NAKIA'S SIDE, IS DEAD —. !!
URHI IS DEAD ?!

MY APOLOGIES, YOUR MAJESTY!!
GUARDING THE INNER PALACE IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!
NO
THERE ARE NO WORDS TO JUSTIFY NOT STOPPING URHI'S SUICIDE
THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS MINE OF THE GAL MESHEDI
NO


SOONER OR LATER, URHI COULD NOT AVOID HIS DEATH PENALTY
EVEN IF HE HAD LIVED A LITTLE LONGER, HE WOULDN'T HAVE TESTIFIED

AS YOU SAY, YOUR MAJESTY
BUT SUICIDE DOES NOT CLEAR HIM OF THIS CRIMES
THE MURDER OF AN EMPEROR IS TOO GREAT A CRIME
AIGIL

AS THE HEAD OF THE SENATE
I PROPOSE THAT URHI'S BODY BE HUNG FROM THE OUTER WALLS OF HATTUSA
AGREED!!
HANG HIS BODY FROM THE OUTER WALLS ...!!
AS PUNISHMENT FOR HIS SINS, HE SHOULD BE EATEN BY WILD BEASTS AND BEATEN BY WIND AND RAIN UNTIL ONLY HIS BONES ARE LEFT
THE ENTIRE SENATE AGREES!!

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE EMPEROR
BUT THERE IS PROOF SHE COMMITTED TREASON
ANY DENIAL OF THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
THE QUEEN MOTHER'S PUNISHMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED ON A LATER DATE
AGREED

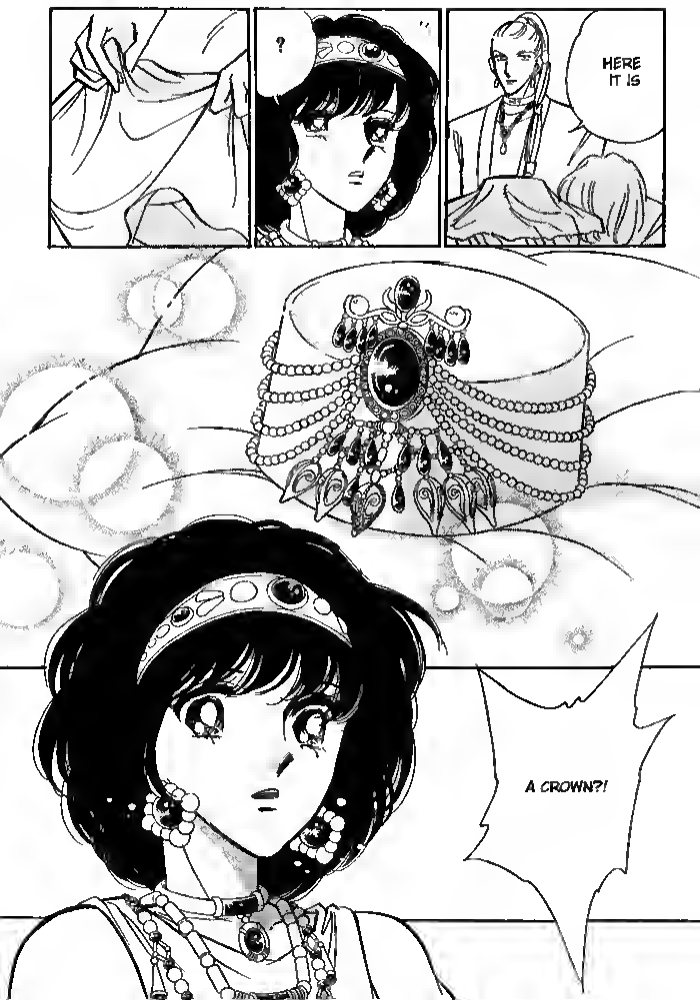
I DON'T HAVE ANY SYMPATHY
UNTIL HER PUNISHMENT IS TO BE DECIDED
KEEP HER IN THE PALACE TEMPLE UNDER BARRIER SPELLS

I'M NOT GOING TO SYMPATHIZE!!
WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS TOO AWFUL FOR SYMPATHY
SFX: BELLS

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HANGING A CRIMINAL!
WHAT IS IT?!
WHAT IS IT?!
AS AN EXAMPLE, HE WILL BE HUNG HERE!!
AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE PEOPLE!!
THIS HERE IS THE TRAITOR WHO MURDERED HIS MAJESTY ARNAWANDA II!!
DO NOT TOUCH HIS BODY!!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
THEN, DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S NOT A CRIMINAL?!
IF IT'S FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE EMPEROR
WASN'T A COURT LADY GUILTY OF THAT?!

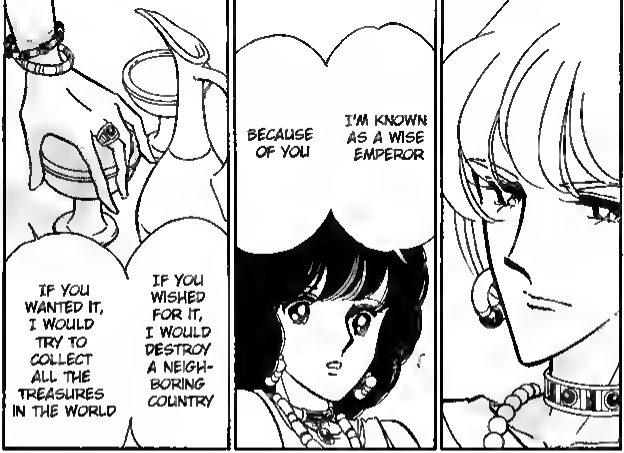
FURTHERMORE, THE COURT LADY URSULA
WILL BE ENSHRINED AT THE FOURTH TEMPLE OF HATTUSA TO RESTORE HER HONOR

ILBANI?
YURI-SAMA
DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO SPARE?
THIS WAY PLEASE
WHAT IS IT?
THERE'S SOMETHING WE'D LIKE TO CONFIRM IS YOUR SIZE
SIZE?


?
HERE IT IS
A CROWN?!

A CROWN FOR ME AS TAWANANNA!!
WON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY?
IT'S YOUR TAWANANNA CROWN
IT'S BEEN IN THE MAKING SINCE LAST YEAR, BUT IT SEEMED BEST TO HAVE IT DONE QUICKLY

ahahaha
!!
!!
!!
SO THE CROWN HAS BEEN IN THE MAKING SINCE LAST YEAR .. ?
IT SURE SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING ONLY ILBANI WOULD DO
BUT THERE ARE SO MANY GREAT JEWELS ON IT
AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW, SO IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY THE SENATE APPROVED, ARE YOU ALRIGHT WITH THE LUXURY?!


IF YOU WANTED IT, I WOULD TRY TO COLLECT ALL THE TREASURES IN THE WORLD
IF YOU WISHED FOR IT, I WOULD DESTROY A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY
BECAUSE OF YOU
I'M KNOWN AS A WISE EMPEROR

SO I AM THOUGHT TO BE A WISE EMPEROR
BUT YOU DON'T WISH FOR ANYTHING

THAT'S NOT TRUE KAIL
I WANT YOU ALL TO MYSELF LIKE THIS
THERE'S NO ONE GREEDIER THAN ME

UNLIKE QUEEN NEFERTITI OR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER NAZIA
I NEVER HAD TO COMPETE WITH OTHER PRINCESSES OVER A SINGLE MAN
I NEVER HAD TO EXPERIENCE A HEARTBREAKING LOVE EITHER

TO BE THE ONLY ONE LOVED BY KAIL
TO BE LOVED MORE THAN A SINGLE PERSON CAN BEHOLD
SO I CAN DO IT FOR SURE
I CAN DO WHAT QUEEN NEFERTITI AND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER YAXIA COULDN'T DO
...

WILL BECOME THE TAWANANNA WHO TAKES PART IN CREATING KAIL'S IDEAL REIGN ...!!

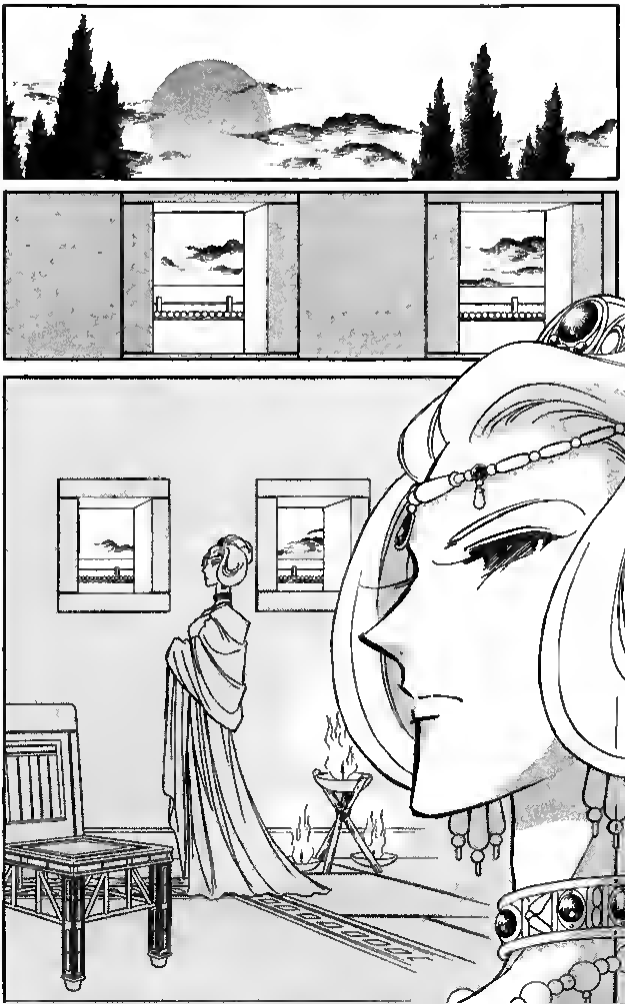
EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA, THE TAWANANNA AND SENATE PRESENT TO YOU THEIR VERDICT
QUEEN OF SUPPILILIUMA I
EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA
..

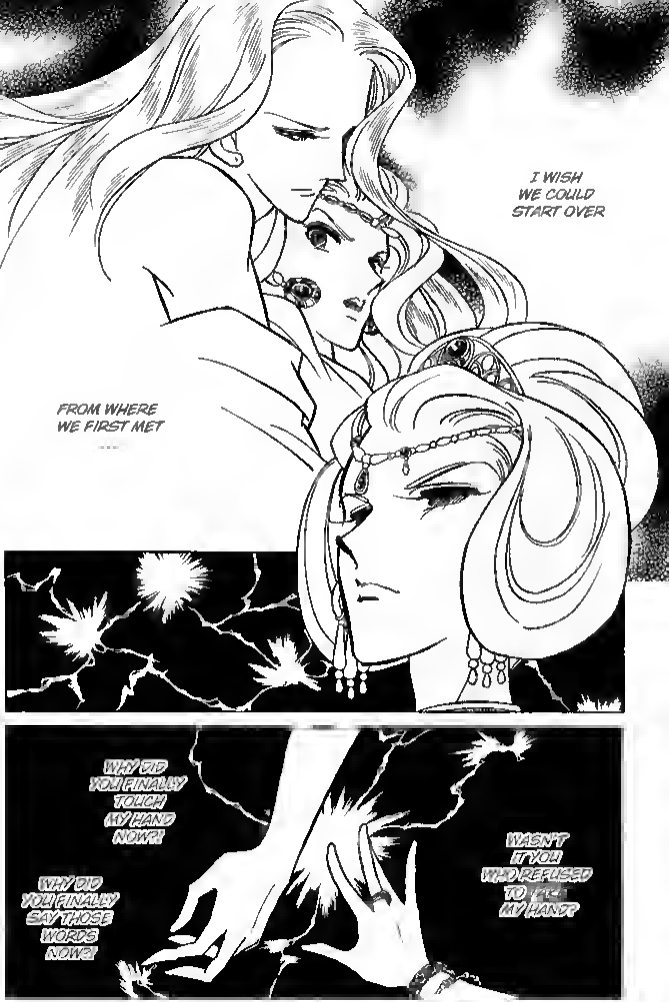
YOU ARE TO BE DETHRONED AS TAWANANNA
AND WILL BE IMPRISONED FOR LIFE AT THE TEMPLE OF KATAPA

LIFE IMPRISON-MENT ...!?

GET MARRIED TO KAIL
THE POSITION OF TAWANANNA MAY NOT REMAIN VACANT FOR LONG
FOR YOU TO ASSUME THE POSITION, YOU MUST FIRST BECOME KAIL'S QUEEN
WE'LL START PREPARING FOR THE EMPEROR'S WEDDING RIGHT AWAY
ONCE THIS MATTER IS OVER
WEDDING ?
AND FINALLY TAWANANNA TOO!!
YURI-SAMA'S GOING TO BECOME QUEEN!!

DID YOU HEAR?!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS NO LONGER TAWANANNA!!
I HEARD!!
NOW ISHTAR-SAMA CAN FINALLY ASCEND TO THE THRONE!!
SFX: SOUND OF CROWD



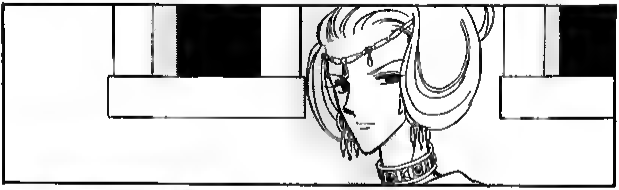

I WISH WE COULD START OVER
FROM WHERE WE FIRST MET
WHY DID YOU FINALLY TOUCH MY HAND NOW?!
WHY DID YOU FINALLY SAY THOSE WORDS NOW?!
WASN'T IT YOU WHO REFUSED TO TAKE MY HAND?

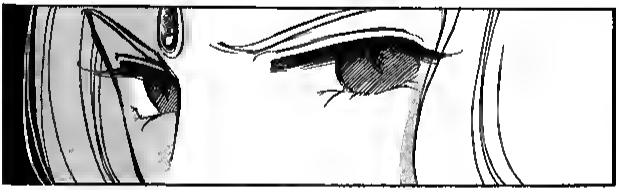
ONLY NOW ...!!
AFTER ... SO LONG ...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A [illegible] WHO DIDN'T CARE FOR THOSE KIND OF THINGS

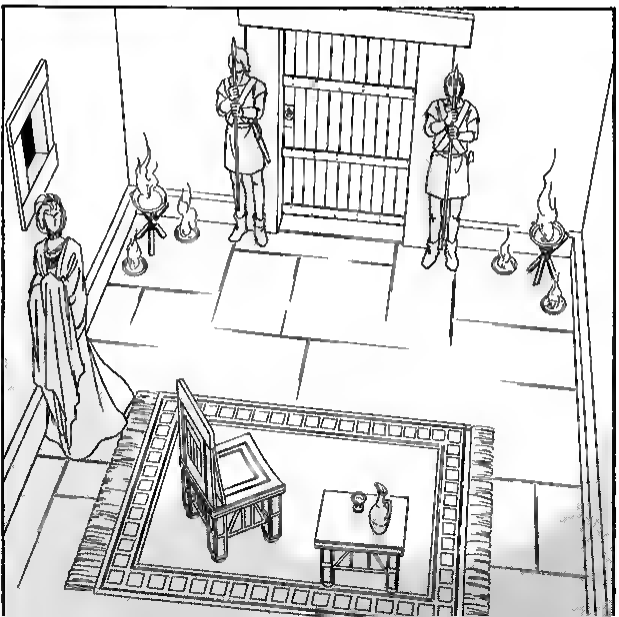
WHERE WE FIRST MET
WE FIRST MET AT A SPRING IN THE INNER PALACE, BUT ...
TO START OVER ...
WHY MENTION THAT SPECIFICALLY ...?
I WISH WE COULD START OVER FROM WHERE WE FIRST MET
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE THE SENTIMENTAL TYPE

WERE YOU TELLING ME TO GO TO THAT SPRING ...?

I WISH WE COULD START OVER FROM WHERE WE FIRST MET
THOSE WORDS OF YOURS WEREN'T WORDS FROM THE HEART
YOU WERE TELLING ME TO BACK TO THAT SPRING ?!







turn
wobble
UGH ... OW!!
YOUR MAJESTY?! WHAT'S WRONG?!

SFX: SOUND OF SOMETHING HEAVY FALLING

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dizzy
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smoke
!?
キィ
squeak
WHAT HAP-PENED?!
!!
THIS ..?!
EMPRESS DOWAGER WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
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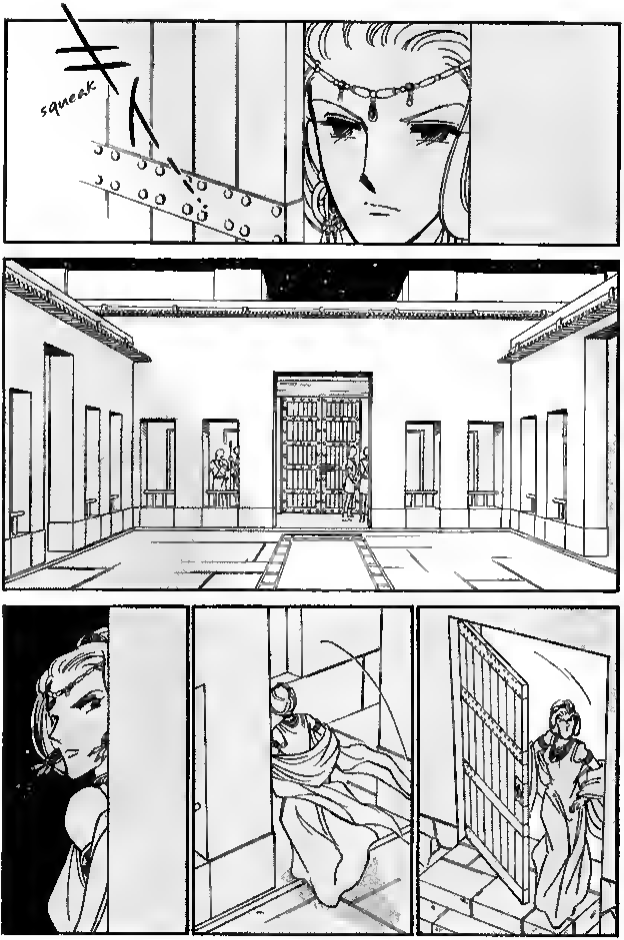
falling

smack
prick
HIGH ..?!
YOUR MAJESTY!
I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO THE SENATE!
turn
click


squeak

THE MIDDLE DOOR IS OPEN!!
...
WHAT?!
grab
!?

OPEN THE BACK DOOR
Y... YOUR MAJESTY ?!
DON'T MAKE A SOUND
IF YOU DON'T WANT A POISONED NEEDLE IN YOUR THROAT HURRY UP AND OPEN IT!!
YOUR MAJESTY ...!! YOUR MAJESTY ...
TH... THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ISN'T HERE !!
KEEP LOOKING!!
SFX SOUND OF CROWD

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS ESCAPED !!
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PLEASE HANDLE THAT WITH CARE
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PLEASE BE CAREFUL
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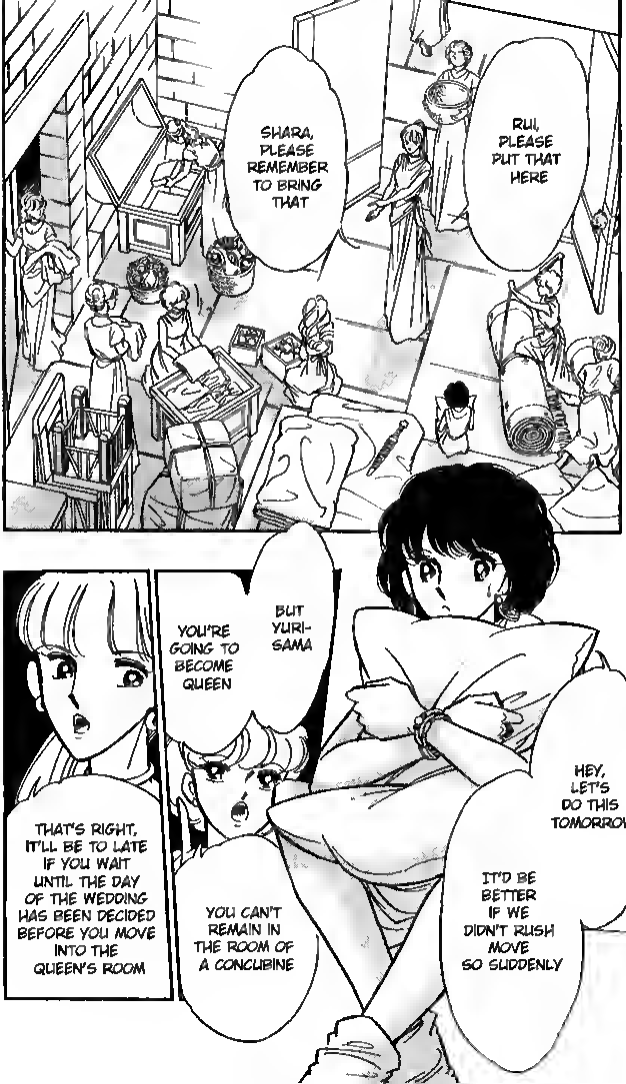
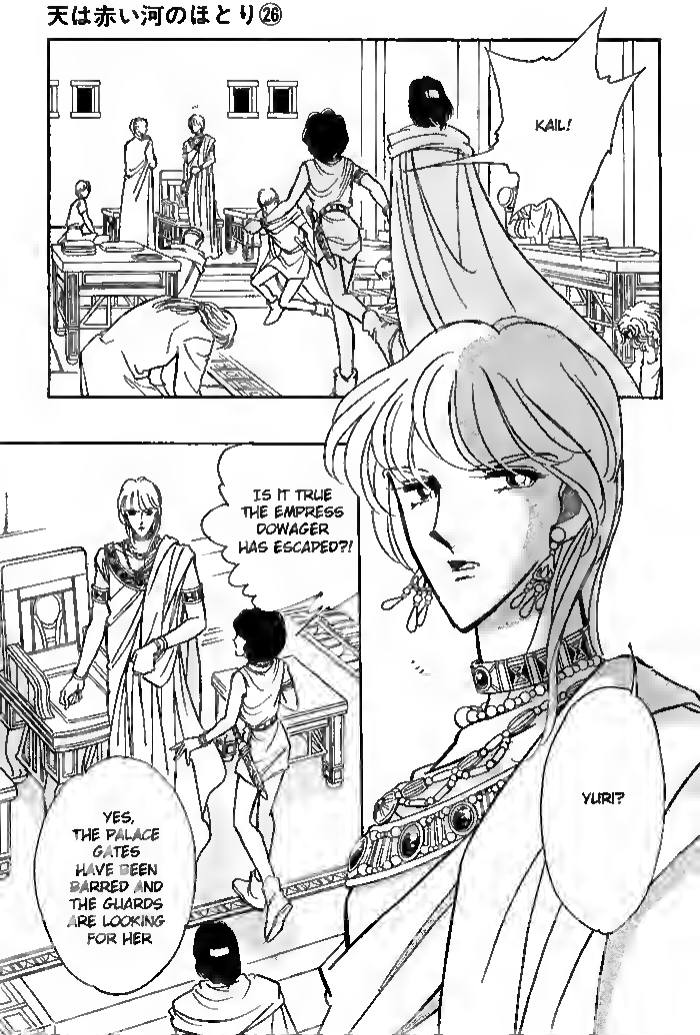
SFX: SHRIEK

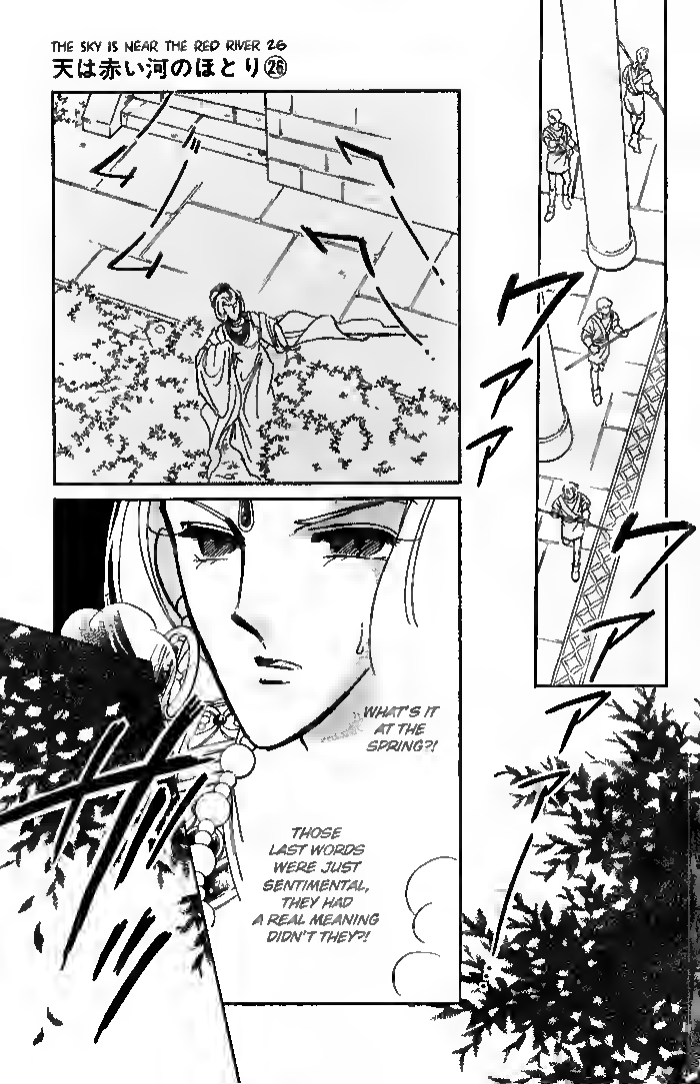

RUI, PLEASE PUT THAT HERE
SHARA, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THAT
HEY, LET'S DO THIS TOMORROW
IT'D BE BETTER IF WE DIDN'T RUSH MOVE SO SUDDENLY
BUT YURI-SAMA
YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME QUEEN
YOU CAN'T REMAIN IN THE ROOM OF A CONCUBINE
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'LL BE TO LATE IF YOU WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE WEDDING HAS BEEN DECIDED BEFORE YOU MOVE INTO THE QUEEN'S ROOM

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
YOU SEEM VERY BUSY
SO PLEASE LEAVE THIS TO US
SO IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU MOVE OUT QUICKLY AFTER ALL
THESE CHAMBERS ARE PITIFUL
AND
HERE IS WHERE URHI TRIED TO KILL YOU RIGHT
SO HE'S REALLY CHOOSEN TO ESCAPE FROM THE PALACE IN ORDER TO KILL ME OR KAIP
RIGHT
THAT'S ALWAYS BOTHERED ME

WITH HIS SECRETIVE MANEUVERING
URHI CAME REALLY CLOSE TO KILLING US ...!!
EXCUSE ME
IS YURI-SAMA HERE?!
RUSAFA! WHAT IS IT?
WHAT!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS ESCAPED FROM THE TEMPLE!!
...!! THINK HE KNEW THAT


KAIL!
IS IT TRUE THE EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS ESCAPED?!
YES, THE PALACE GATES HAVE BEEN BARRED AND THE GUARDS ARE LOOKING FOR HER
YURI?

BUT WHY?!
I DON'T KNOW
BUT I DON'T THINK SHE ESCAPED SIMPLY BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T LIKE BEING HELD CAPTIVE
SHE'S AFTER ME AGAIN ...?!
YURI-SAMA PLEASE BE CAREFUL
SHE'S AFTER MY LIFE AGAIN?!
SHE PROBABLY IS, SO PLEASE BE AWARE
WHAT IS SHE GOING TO DO NOW?
URHI'S NOT AROUND ANYMORE, SO SHE'S ALONE NOW WHAT CAN SHE STILL DO?!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7 YEARS AGO AT THIS SPRING...
A NEW TEMPLE HAS BEEN BUILT, BUT THIS IS THE PLACE FOR SURE...!!

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SFX: SPLASH

HITTITE'S CHIEF GOD, TESHUP
HIS WIFE, HEPAT
IT MOVES ..?!

A HOLE HERE ..!!
THERE'S
WHAT IS THIS?!
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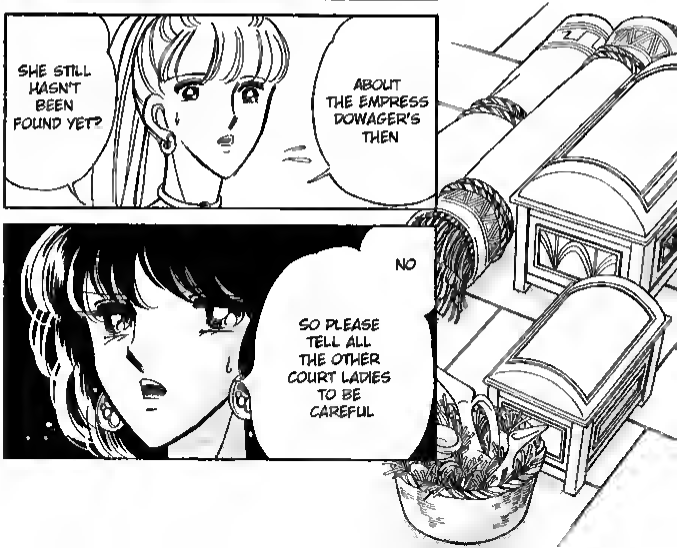
THIS IS ..!!

YURI-SAMA YOUR MAJESTY
HADI, RUI, SHARA
THAT'S ENOUGH NOW, PLEASE DON'T WANDER OFF ALONE AT NIGHT


SHE STILL HASN'T BEEN FOUND YET?
ABOUT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S THEN
NO
SO PLEASE TELL ALL THE OTHER COURT LADIES TO BE CAREFUL

IMPORTANT ITEMS?
UNDER-STOOD
THEN PLEASE LET US GATHER THE IMPORTANT ITEMS
OH?
SHOULD I HAVE THAT STORED TOGETHER TOO, I WONDER
HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED THE CONTENTS OF THIS BOX?
HEY

OH ... THAT'S ODD
NO, NOT YET
I THOUGHT YOUR IMPORTANT PERSONAL ITEMS WERE EXEMPT . .
KAIL
YURI, DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?
THE CLOTHES I WAS WEARING WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS WORLD
IT'S NOT IMPORTANT ONLY

WHAT?
B...BUT IT'S WHAT I NEED TO GET BACK TO JAPAN
THE SPRING I CAME HERE THROUGH IS GONE NOW, SO WHAT GOOD ARE THOSE CLOTHES TO SOMEONE ELSE?
YURI! REALLY?!
YOU REALLY LOST THOSE CLOTHES?!
Y...YES, BUT THOSE CLOTHES WERE ONLY IMPORTANT TO ME
YURI-SAMA! IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!!
WHAT?!

CERTAINLY YOU NEED THE CLOTHES YOU CAME TO THIS WORLD IN, A HIGH PRIEST
TO RETURN TO JAPAN
AND THE SAME SPRING YOU ARRIVED THROUGH
BUT ... EVEN WITHOUT THE SPRING IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD
KAIL ... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

ONLY THE PRIEST WOULD KNOW WHERE I'M BEING SENT TO!!
I WOULDN'T KNOW
TO RETURN TO WHERE I ORIGINALLY CAME FROM, THE EXACT SAME SPRING IS REQUIRED
IF IT'S JUST TO SEND ME AWAY, MY CLOTHES, A PRIEST, AND SOME OTHER SPRING IS GOOD ENOUGH BUT I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE A DIFFERENT SPRING MIGHT BE CONNECTED TO
WHERE I'D BE GOING ...?!

C...COULD IT BE ...
AM I GOING TO BE EXPELLED FROM THIS WORLD AGAIN ...?!

URHI HAS
SNUCK IN HERE
AND STOLE
THOSE CLOTHES!!

IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT
URHI

START OVER AGAIN FROM THE BEGINNING
TO MAKE YURI DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD ...!!

SO WHEN URHI SAID THAT
GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING
THIS IS WHAT HE MEANT —!!
AND REMOVE YURI ISHTAR FROM THIS WORLD!!

smirk
so
THE REASON YOU DIDN'T RUN AWAY FROM THE PALACE WAS THIS! URHI!!
ahahaha
EVEN SO
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE STARTED OVER, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE US

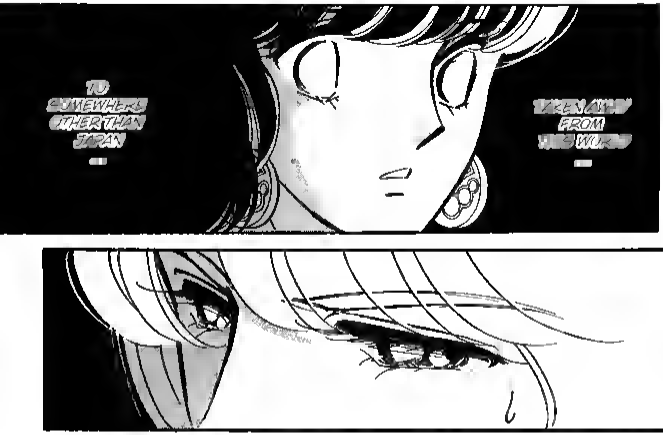
IF I WASN'T A PRINCESS THAT HAD BEEN SOLD AND URHI WASN'T AN EUNUCH FROM A COUNTRY THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED
WE WOULD NEVER HAVE MET ...!!
Grab
ALRIGHT
WHY DON'T WE START AGAIN FROM THE BEGINNING!!

I'M GOING TO RESTORE THIS COUNTRY TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE YUKI GOT HERE!!

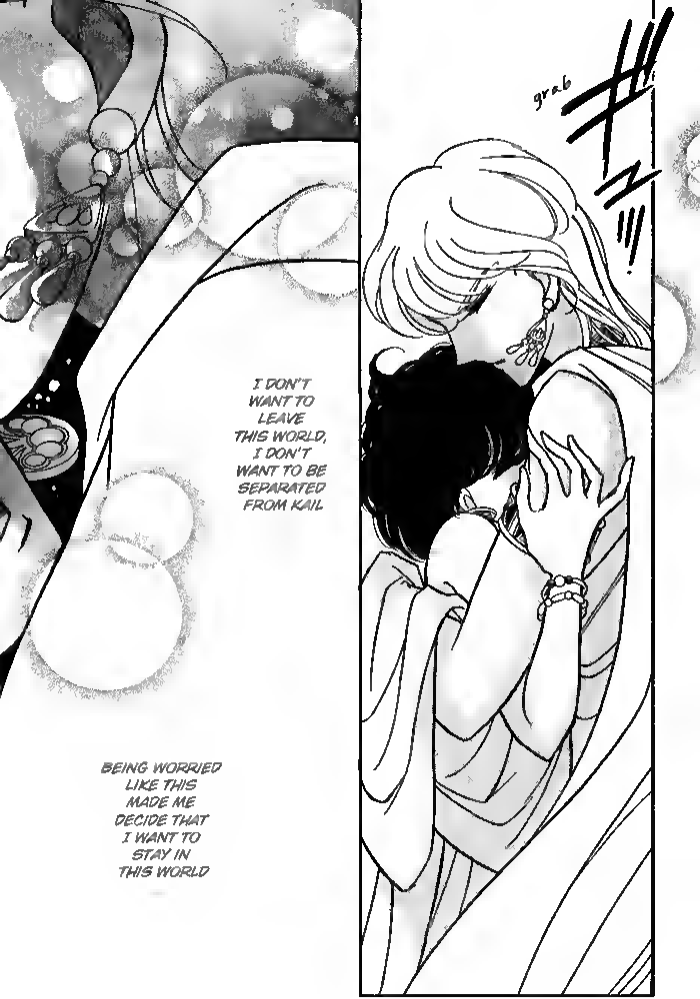
THE CLOTHES I CAME FROM JAPAN IN AND A PRIEST
AND ANY SPRING IN HATTUSA
WITH JUST THAT, I'LL BE REMOVED FROM THIS COUNTRY
AND I WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO RETURN TO JAPAN

KAIL?!
IT THAT HOW IT IS ...
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE URHI ALSO CONSENTED
WASN'T HE AFTER YOUR LIFE?!
URHI DIDN'T RUN AWAY FROM THE PALACE
BECAUSE HE WANTED TO STEAL YOUR CLOTHES
ILBANI
JUST AS HIS MAJESTY HAS SAID IT WAS PROBABLY URHI WHO STOLE THE CLOTHES

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT'S VALID TO THINK SO
WITH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S ESCAPE
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT SHE'S GOING TO USE THOSE CLOTHES TO SEND YURI AWAY ...?!
!!
LEAVE THAT TO ME
PARDON ME FOR SAYING, BUT WE SHOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN YURI-SAMA'S PERSONAL GUARDS
YES, SIR!!
FIND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER !!
MOBILIZE THE MESHEDI WITH THREE ADDITIONAL TROOPS AND SEARCH THE PALACE!!


TO SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN HERE...
TAKE ME AWAY FROM THIS WORLD...

YURI, DON'T WORRY!!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE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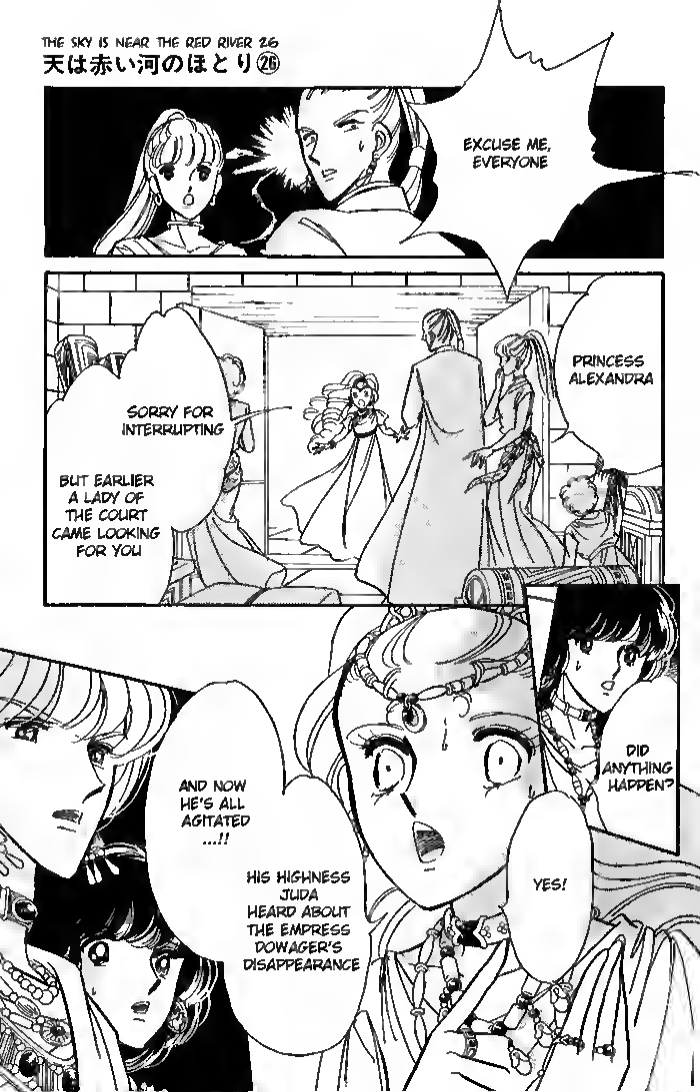
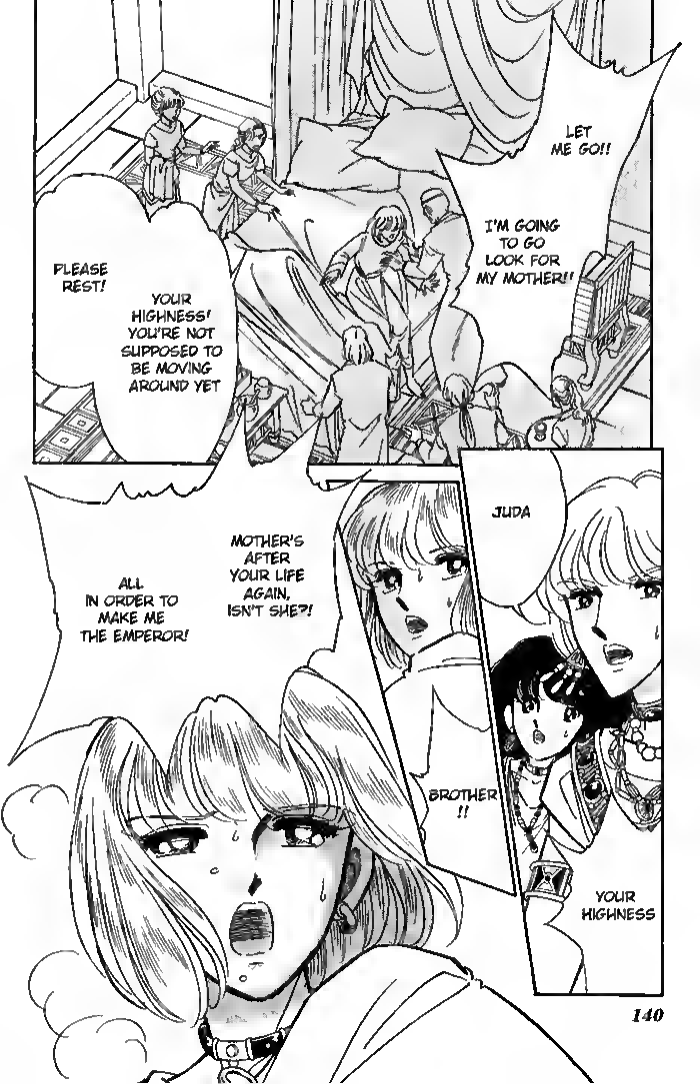
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS WORLD, I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM KAIL
BEING WORRIED LIKE THIS MADE ME DECIDE THAT I WANT TO STAY IN THIS WORLD

WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO LOSE YURI-SAMA
ILBANI-SAMA
I DECIDED TO LIVE HERE TO HELP KAIL AND TO BE BY HIS SIDE

YURI-SAMA'S EXISTENCE HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT SHE IS NOW SOMEONE THAT THE EMPEROR DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE
IF WE LOST HER THERE THIS LAND WILL BE LOST TOO!
WE FEEL THE SAME, AND SO DOES THIS COUNTRY


EXCUSE ME, EVERYONE
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING
BUT EARLIER A LADY OF THE COURT CAME LOOKING FOR YOU
DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?
YES!
HIS HIGHNESS JUDA HEARD ABOUT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S DISAPPEARANCE
AND NOW HE'S ALL AGITATED ...!!


LET ME GO!!
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR MY MOTHER!!
PLEASE REST!
YOUR HIGHNESS! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE MOVING AROUND YET
JUDA
MOTHER'S AFTER YOUR LIFE AGAIN, ISN'T SHE?!
ALL IN ORDER TO MAKE ME THE EMPEROR!
BROTHER!!
YOUR HIGHNESS

IF I WASN'T ALIVE, MOTHER WOULDN'T BE DOING THIS ...!!
IT'D BE BETTER IF I JUST DIED !!
IT ...
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS, JUDA!!
BUT IF JUDA IS FIRM ABOUT IT AND SUPPORTS KAIL, HOW FAR WOULD HE GO —
WHAT IS BEHIND THE ASSAULT OF HIS HIGHNESS JUDA IS HARD!
smack

PR-- PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ...?!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON AND ON ABOUT?
YOUR HIGHNESS!
IF YOUR WILL IS STRONG ENOUGH, YOUR MOTHER'S WISHES DON'T MEAN ANYTHING, RIGHT?!
BEFORE TALKING ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH THAT LIGHTLY ...

YOU HAVE A DUTY AS A ROYAL PRINCE
clap
clap
clap
NOT DOING ANYTHING AND CHOOSING TO DIE IS THE SAME
IT'S BEING A COWARD!!
flop

YOUR HIGHNESS
I SAID SOME VERY BOLD THINGS
I'M SORRY ABOUT EARLIER
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
NO
WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE
THE OTHERS SEEMED TO HAVE THOUGHT SO ..
SISTER AND ILBANI AND THEM
BUT THAT'S THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE SAID IT TO ME, THANK YOU
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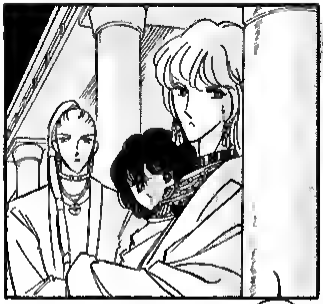
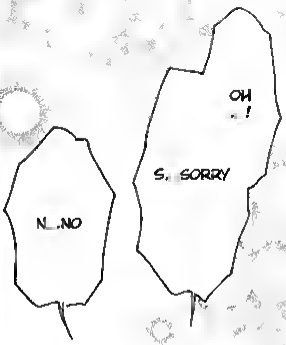
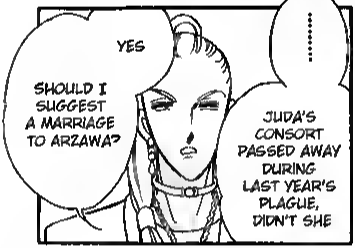
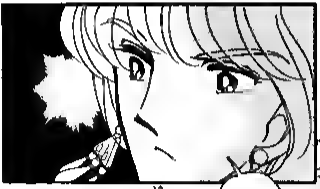
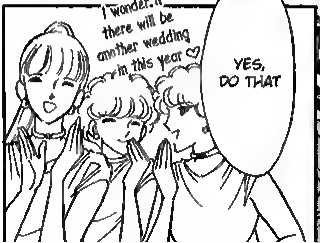
NO, UM ...

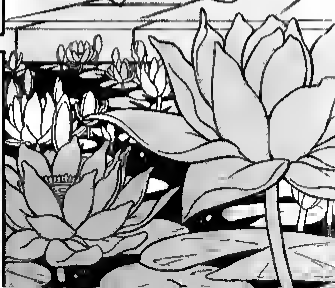



OH..!
S.. SORRY
N...NO

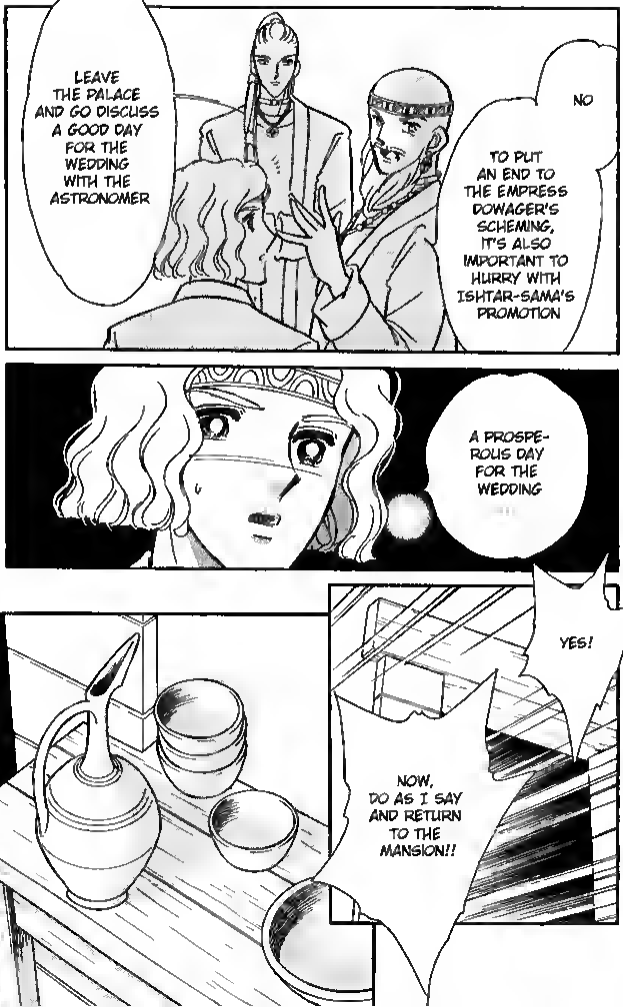

YES
SHOULD I SUGGEST A MARRIAGE TO ARZAWA?
.....
JUDA'S CONSORT PASSED AWAY DURING LAST YEAR'S PLAGUE, DIDN'T SHE



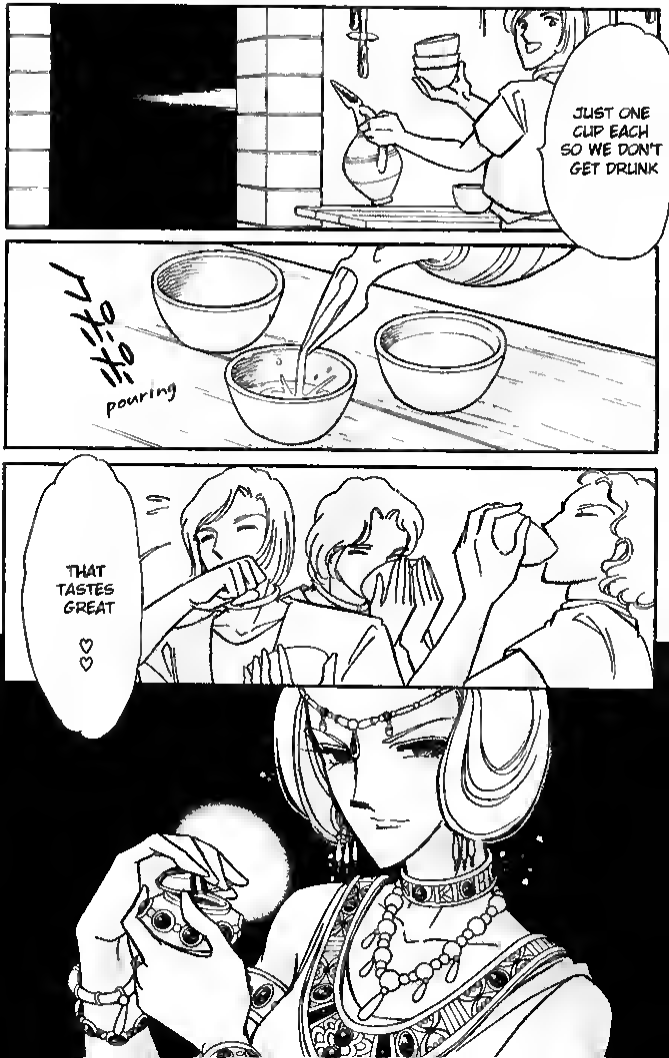

I wonder if there will be another wedding in this year♡
YES, DO THAT



DID YOU FIND HER YET?!
NOT YET ...
ALL THE PALACE GATES HAVE BEEN BARRED!
NO ONE MAY LEAVE WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION!
KILLA, YOU RETURN TO THE MANSION
CHAIRMAN AIGIL, I HAVE INCREASED THE GUARDS OF THE ARCHIVES AND ARMOURY
IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY, SECRETARY ILBAN!
I WILL BE STAYING ALL THE PALACE TONIGHT
FATHER, IF YOU'RE STAYING HERE, THEN SO AM I ..!!


LEAVE THE PALACE AND GO DISCUSS A GOOD DAY FOR THE WEDDING WITH THE ASTRONOMER
NO
TO PUT AN END TO THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S SCHEMING, IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO HURRY WITH ISHTAR-SAMA'S PROMOTION
A PROSPE-ROUS DAY FOR THE WEDDING
YES!
NOW, DO AS I SAY AND RETURN TO THE MANSION!!

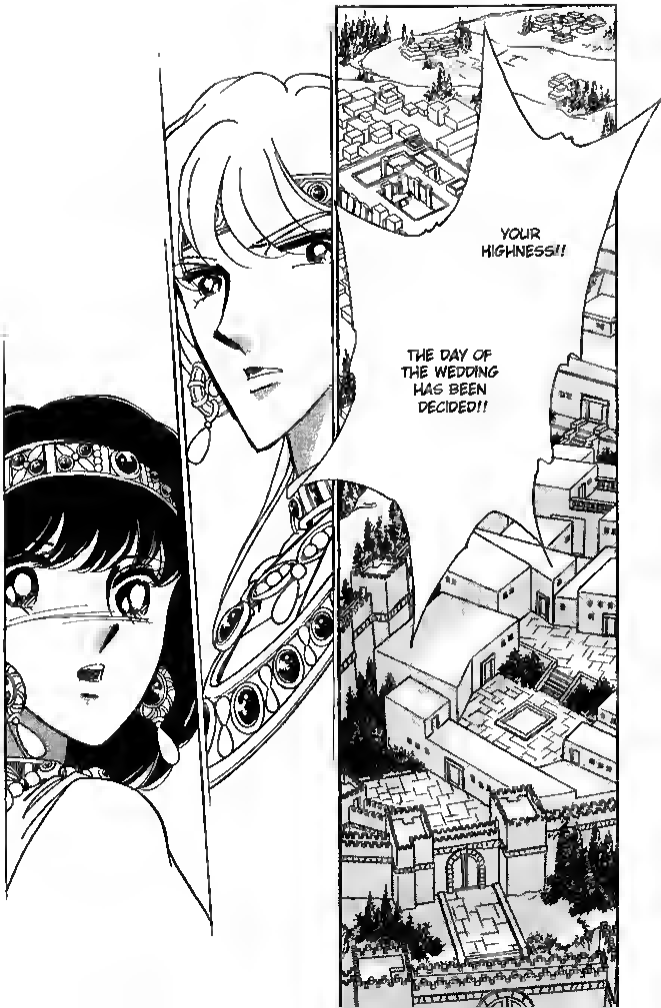
THE MASTER AND YOUNG MASTER ARE BOTH LATE, HUH
YEA, THE EMPRESS DOWAGER GUILTY OF TREASON ESCAPED
THEY'RE PROBABLY REALLY BUSY
THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD STAY A LITTLE LATER
SOUNDS GOOD
THEN LET'S HAVE A DRINK?


JUST ONE CUP EACH SO WE DON'T GET DRUNK
トクトク
pouring
THAT TASTES GREAT
♡
♡

GET THE CARRIAGE READY!
bang
ANYONE HERE?
I'M GOING BACK TO THE MANSION
HUH...?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED?

WE'LL PREPARE THE CARRIAGE
clink
NO ...
NO-THING
OPEN THE GATE!!
clatter
KILLA, THE ELDEST SON OF AIGIL, THE HEAD OF THE SENATE, IS LEAVING THE PALACE
I SEE
NO ... IT MIGHT BE THE CONDITION OF THE WHEELS
ARE WE CARRYING ANYTHING ELSE?
THE CARRIAGE IS MAKING A DIFFE-RENT SOUND

clatter
TO RID THIS WORLD OF YURI
clatter
clatter
I HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE WATER OF THE SPRING TO FILL

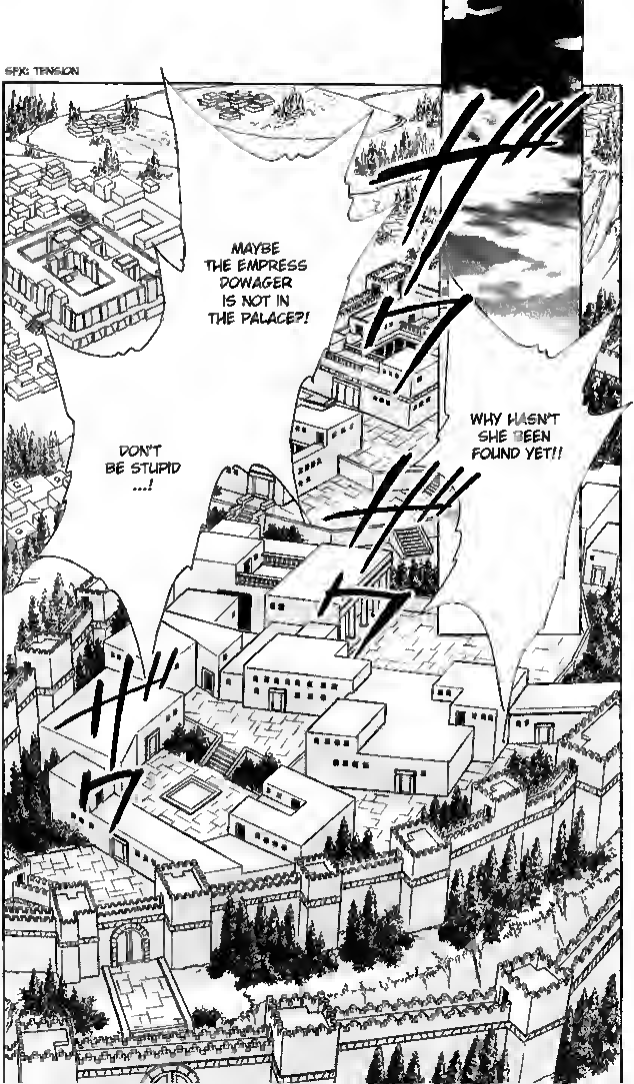

YOUR HIGHNESS!!
THE DAY OF THE WEDDING HAS BEEN DECIDED!!

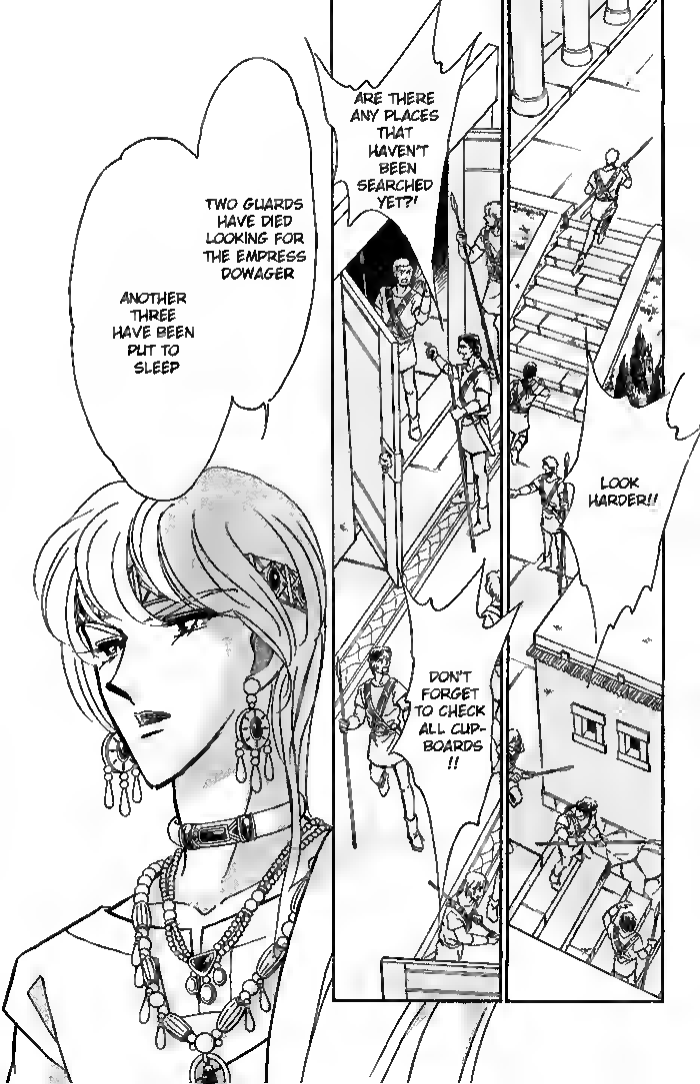
WEDDING ...!!
YES!
I HAVE HAD THE COUNTRY'S LEADING ASTRONOMER KUNTURAH LOOK IN TO IT
IF I MAY SAY
WITH EVEN THE STARS IN THE BEST POSITION, THE MOST FAVOURABLE DAY OF THE YEAR IS IN 23 DAYS
I BELIEVE THE BEST DAY FOR THE WEDDING IS THAT DAY

HAVE THE WEDDING IN 23 DAYS ..?
YES!!
IN 22 DAYS, THE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING, THE STAR OF ISHTAR WILL RISE FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR
IT WILL BE THE FIRST DAY THE SPRINGS OF HATTUSA WILL BE FULL
THERE IS NO DAY MORE FORTUNOUS THAN THAT
THE SPRINGS WILL BE FULL ..!!

THE NIGHT
BEFORE
THE
WEDDING

FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR THE STAR OF ISHTAR WILL RISE . . !!


SFX: TENSION
MAYBE THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS NOT IN THE PALACE?!
WHY HASN'T SHE BEEN FOUND YET!!
DON'T BE STUPID ...!


TWO GUARDS HAVE DIED LOOKING FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
ANOTHER THREE HAVE BEEN PUT TO SLEEP
ARE THERE ANY PLACES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN SEARCHED YET?!
LOOK HARDER!!
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ALL CUP-BOARDS !!

IT'S THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE USED BY THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
RIGHT
ON THE TWO WHO HAVE DIED, THE MARK FROM A POISONED NEEDLE WAS FOUND
THE GREATER PROBLEM IS HOW THEY WERE PUT TO SLEEP
WHAT IS THAT?
KAIL?!
PUTTING THEM TO SLEEP
MEANS THAT SHE USED MAGIC "WATER"

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER USES FOUR KINDS OF "WATER"
YOU KNOW OF THE "BLACK WATER" THAT IS USED TO CONTROL MINDS AND THE "ROSE WATER" APHRODISIAC
THERE'S ALSO THE "WHITE WATER" THAT CAN PUT PEOPLE TO SLEEP OR MAKE THEM APPEAR DEAD
THE "BLUE WATER" THAT HIS HIGHNESS JUDA INGESTED IS POISON MEANT TO KILL

"WATER" IS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S GREATEST WEAPON, ISN'T IT
THAT'S!!
SHE COULD HAVE OBTAINED IT ELSE WHERE
IT'S ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SHE USED MAGIC "WATER"
SHE DIDN'T BRING ANY OF THAT
BUT WHEN SHE WAS CONFINED TO THE TEMPLE
THERE'S NO ONE TO DO HER BIDDING FOR HER ANYMORE
SINCE URHI DIED, SHE'S BEEN ON HER OWN
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT
KAIL
THAT MEANS SHE CAN DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS
WITH "WATER" THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN CONTROL PEOPLE OR EVEN KILL THEM

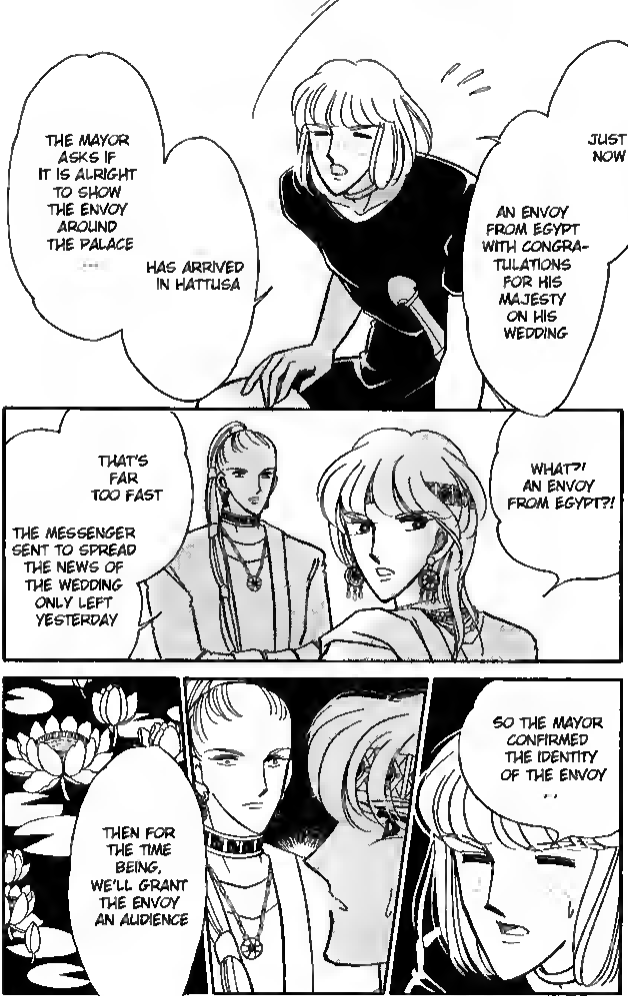
YURI
DON'T LEAVE THE BACK OF THE PALACE
WAIT!
LEAVE ME IN CHARGE OF THE MESHED!!
DON'T FORGET!
MY OFFICIAL POST RIGHT NOW IS GAL MESHED!
RUSAFA
CHECK ALL OF YESTER-DAY'S VISITORS COMING TO AND LEAVING FROM THE PALACE.
YES, SIR!
YURI?!
GUARDING THE ROYAL FAMILY AND DEFENDING THE PALACE IS MY DUTY

SHE'S TRYING TO EXPEL YOU FROM THIS WORLD!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS AFTER YOU
THIS HAS TO DO WITH ME!!
YURI?!
I
I WANT TO UPHOLD MY OWN DECISION TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD
I DON'T JUST WANT TO BE PROTECTED BY OTHERS AND KEEP HIDING FROM THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!
EXACTLY!!

I WANT TO BE BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER! I DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE!!
I WILL PROTECT THAT WISH MYSELF !!

ALRIGHT
I LEAVE THE COMMAND OF THE MESHEDI TO YOU
YOUR MAJESTY!!
IS THAT SO
SO THE PRESENT GAL MESHEDI ISN'T A GIRL WHO JUST WAITS FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN

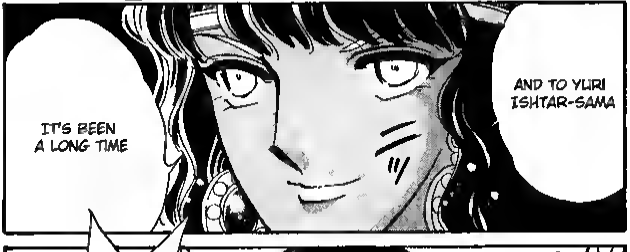
RUSAFA
ROUND UP ANYONE WHO LEFT THE PALACE LAST NIGHT
UNDER-STOOD !!
SEARCH HIGH AND LOW FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!
ANNOUNCE-MENT!
UNDER-STOOD!!
KIKKURI

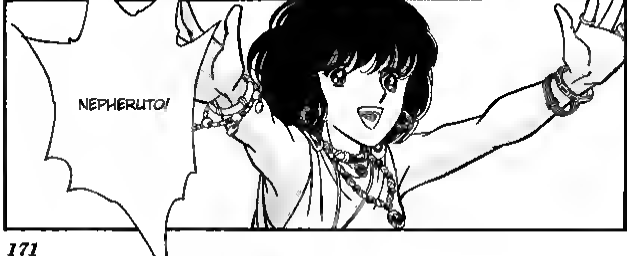

JUST NOW
AN ENVOY FROM EGYPT WITH CONGRATULATIONS FOR HIS MAJESTY ON HIS WEDDING
HAS ARRIVED IN HATTUSA
THE MAYOR ASKS IF IT IS ALRIGHT TO SHOW THE ENVOY AROUND THE PALACE ...
WHAT?! AN ENVOY FROM EGYPT?!
THAT'S FAR TOO FAST
THE MESSENGER SENT TO SPREAD THE NEWS OF THE WEDDING ONLY LEFT YESTERDAY
SO THE MAYOR CONFIRMED THE IDENTITY OF THE ENVOY ..
THEN FOR THE TIME BEING, WE'LL GRANT THE ENVOY AN AUDIENCE

AN ENVOY FROM EGYPT
THE REPRESENTATIVE HIS MAJESTY HOREMHEB, THE KING OF EGYPT
HAS ARRIVED
!!

HATOHORU
NEPHERUTO?!

YOUR MAJESTY HITTITE EMPEROR MURSILI II, WE MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME
I, HATOHORU NEPHERUTO, HAVE COME AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF KING HOREMHEB
MY DEEPEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR WEDDING


AND TO YURI ISHTAR-SAMA
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME


NEPHERUTO!

As an envoy I was able to get here so quickly
I HEARD IT AFTER THE PEACE WAS ESTABLISHED IN EGYPT, EMPEROR MURSILI II WOULD BE GETTING MARRIED SOON
BROTHER WAS COMPLAINING AND LEFT FOR MEMPHIS
キャア♡
Kyaa
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WEDDING?!
THE MESSENGER JUST LEFT
おーーっ!!
ohhh
SHE'S GENERAL RAMSES YOUNGER SISTER
WHO IS SHE?
I'VE GOT A LITTLE PLAN ON MY OWN TOO
I ACTUALLY STOLE THE POSITION OF ENVOY TO COME HERE
HM
I'M SO SURPRISED
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME JUST TO GIVE CONGRATULATIONS

looking around
キョロ
YES ♡
LIM
PLAN?

realization
はっ
RUSAFA
MISTHE EMPRESS DOWAGER QUEEN POLINA
EXCUSE ME, THERE IS A VERY URGENT MATTER
RUSAFA
TO REPORT TO YURI-SAMA

!!!
WHA?
OH, THIS IS HATOHORU NEPHERUITO

W...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
THIS IS WHAT I CAME TO SEE RUSAFA
NEPHE-RUTO ...?
THAT .. DEPENDS ON RUSAFA HIMSELF
OF COURSE AFTER YOUR MAJESTY'S WEDDING
YOUR MAJESTY, MAY I BE MARRIED TO VICE CHIEF OF THE GUARDS?

grab
PRINCESS
PARDON ME, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR GAMES
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A MISSION EXCUSE ME
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY IMPOLITENESS
MAYOR, PLEASE SHOW THE PRINCESS THE BEST HOSPITALITY
UNDER-STOOD
YURI-SAMA
SORRY, NEPHERUTO WE'LL TALK LATER

THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE REMAINING GROUP
BECAUSE VISITORS LEAVING THE PALACE ARE STRICTLY LIMITED
DO YOU KNOW WHO IT WAS?
WHAT'S WRONG?
THREE GROUPS?
ONLY THREE GROUPS LEFT LAST NIGHT
YES
THEIR IDENTITIES WERE CONFIRMED AND THEY WERE ONLY CARRYING SMALL PACKAGES
YES, TWO OF THEM WERE JUST A MEMBER OF THE LOWER COURT AND A COURT LADY

WHAT?!
THE LAST GROUP LEFT BY CARRIAGE
IT WAS CHAIRMAN AIGIL'S SON
UNFORTUNATELY, THE GUARD SAYS THE INSIDE OF THE CARRIAGE WAS NOT CHECKED
I...IT WAS SURELY BY MY ORDER
THAT KILLA RETURNED HOME LAST NIGHT
...
!!
AIGIL'S CARRIAGE
CAN EASILY CONCEAL ONE OR TWO PEOPLE, RIGHT
ILBANI?!

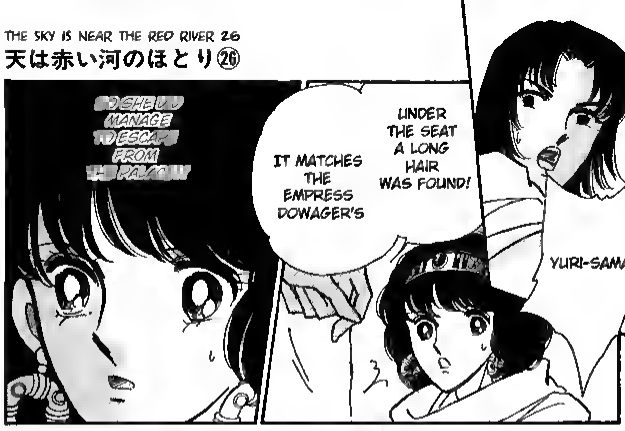
AIGIL, LET US SEARCH YOUR MANSION
YURI, GO TOO!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS IN HAIRMI AIGIL'S MANSION!
TWO MESHEDI TROOPS ARE TO ACCOMPANY AIGIL!
YES
UNDERSTOOD

THANKS TO YOU, I'VE GOTTEN OUT OF THE PALACE WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY
I'M RELIEVED AND THANKFUL

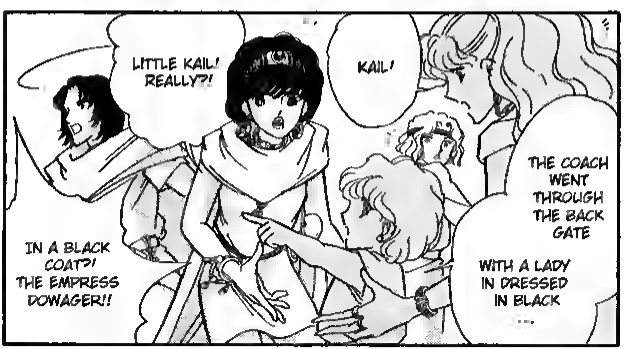
WE CAN'T SETTLE HERE
SURELY AIGIL'S MANSION DRAWS FROM THE SPRINGS TOO
.....
I'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE YOU WILL BE USEFUL FOR
SFX: STRONG MOVEMENT

SFX: STRONG MOVEMENT
AND YURI-SAMA'S HERE TOO ...!!
FATHER! WHAT IS IT?!
THIS IS ... MASTER!!
OPEN THE DOOR!
IS KILLA HERE?! ANSWER ME!!

KILLA!
DID YOU DRINK THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S "BLACK WATER"!
OF COURSE NOT, THAT'S ...!!
OH, WHAT IS IT YURI-SAMA?
SORRY FOR THE DISTUR-BANCE, PRINCESS GUZEL
KILLA
WHERE'S THE CARRIAGE YOU RODE LAST NIGHT
IT ... IT'S THERE WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
RUSAFA!
YES!


YURI-SAMA
UNDER THE SEAT A LONG HAIR WAS FOUND!
IT MATCHES THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S
SCHUU MANAGE TO ESCAPE FROM THE PALACE!!

SEARCH EVERYWHERE IN THE HOUSE !!
YES, SIR!
KILLA, WHAT ABOUT THE COACHMEN ?!
WE'LL FIND THEM SOON ..!!


KAIL!
LITTLE KAIL! REALLY?!
THE COACH WENT THROUGH THE BACK GATE
WITH A LADY IN DRESSED IN BLACK
...
IN A BLACK COAT?! THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

THE GROUP THAT LEFT EARLIER, WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?
T...THEY TURNED AT THAT CORNER
OH?!
!!

THEY'RE ALL DEAD
AND THEY ALL HAVE THE MARK OF THE POISONED NEEDLE ON THEIR NECKS
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER?!

HATTUSA HAS ANOTHER SIX SPRINGS
FROM TWO OF THOSE, THE TEMPLES DRAW A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THEIR WATER!
THAT IS TO SAY
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS DISAPPEARED WITHIN THE CITY OF HATTUSA
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER —?!

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小早川流水と流風は双子の姉妹。同じ相手を好きになり…!?

海の闇、月の影
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転校した初日から、身辺に不気味なことが起こり始めた蒼子だが!?

蒼の封印
全11巻

霊能力者の少女、陵子。飼っていた白ネコ、ボウが死に…!?

陵子の心霊事件簿
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瞳の色が紫に変わる時、倫子は恐ろしいものに変身する!

闇のパープル・アイ
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